



The Final
Evolution

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STORY BY TADASHI KAWASHIMA
ART BY ADACHITOKA



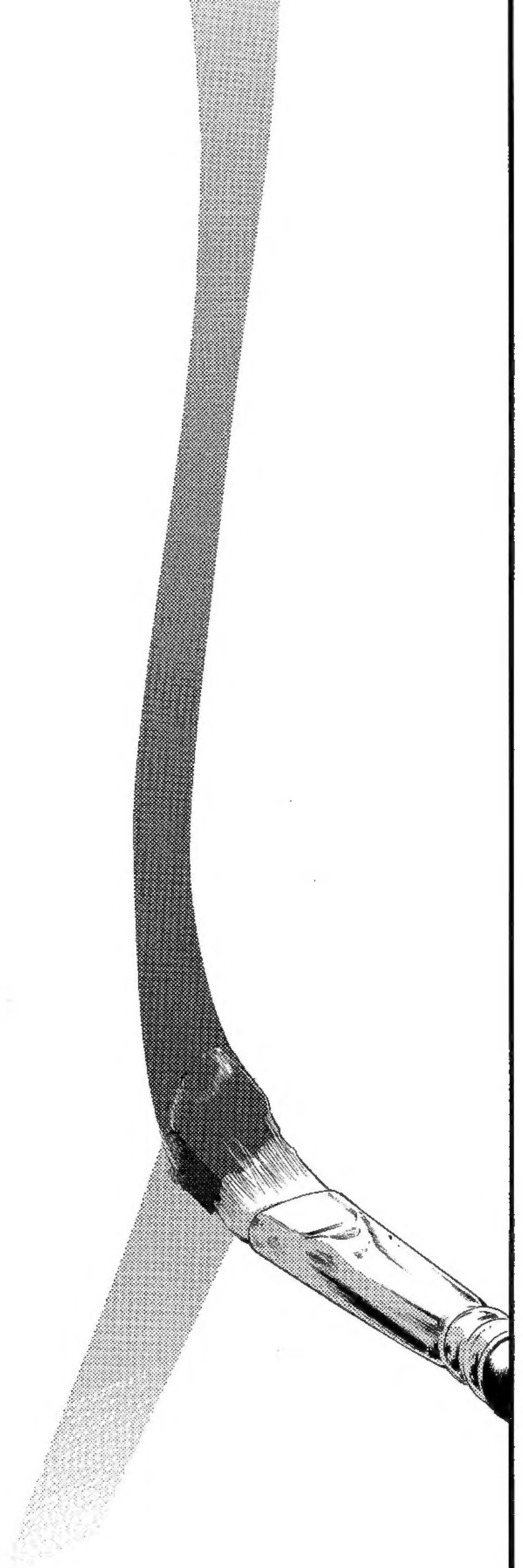
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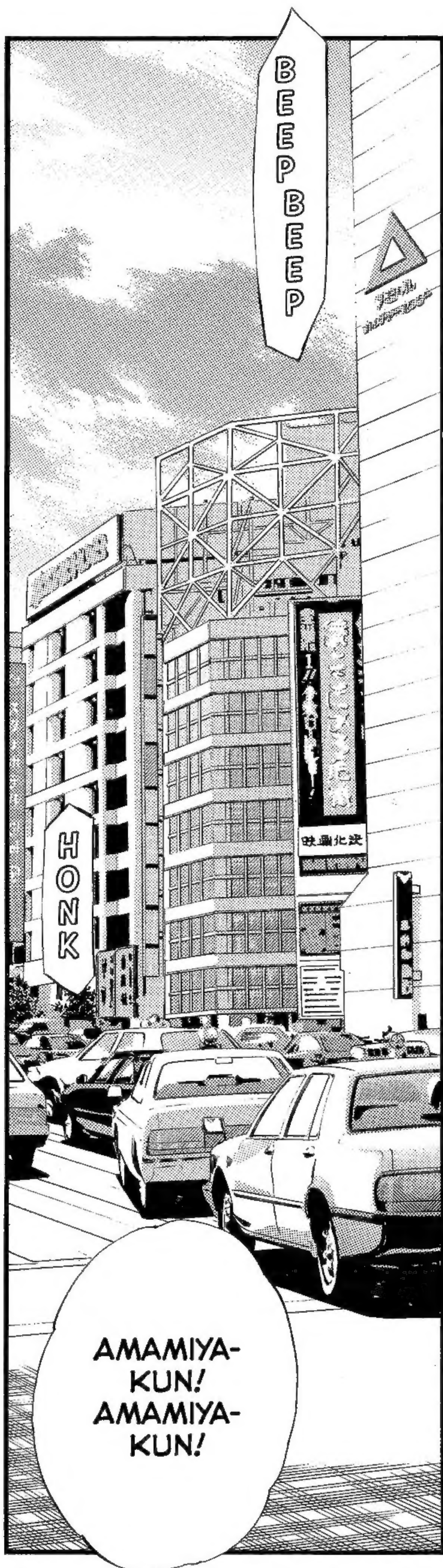
AS IF TO
DENY...

...THOSE
BLEAK AND
DESOLATE
TIMES,



FILLS THE
WORLD WITH
VIBRANT
COLORS.





Intermission



TOKYO



**SEXUAL
HARASSMENT!**

YOUR
BOYFRIEND
NOT LET YOU
GET ANY
SLEEP LAST
NIGHT OR
SOMETHIN'?

This will do,
but...

WHAT'S
WITH THIS
ARTICLE? EVEN
A MONKEY
COULD WRITE
SOMETHIN'
LIKE THIS.



DATE

SORRY
...

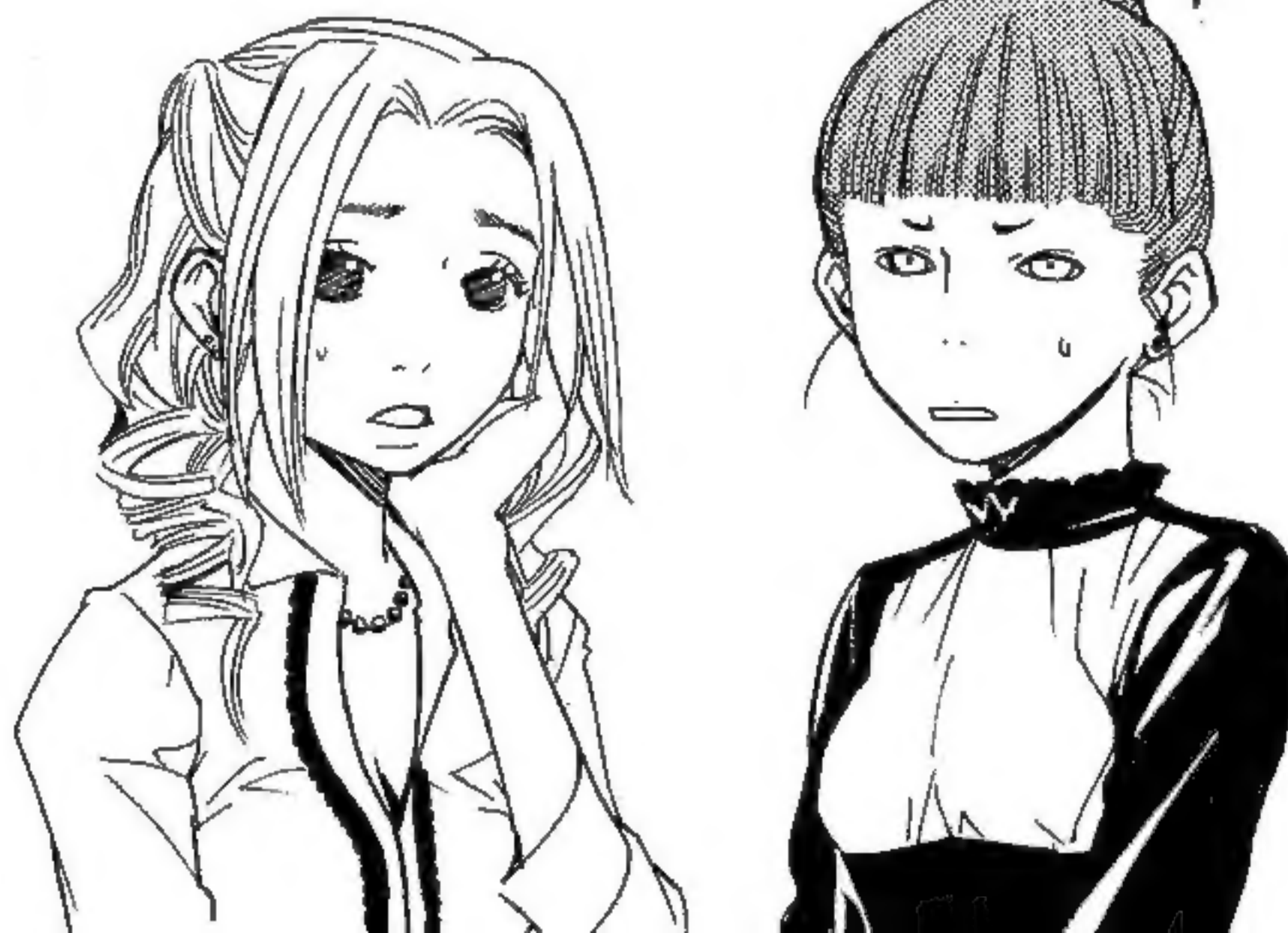


PHEW
...

CLICK

SHE USED
TO BEAT THE
BOSS WITH A
GARBAGE CAN
WHENEVER HE
HARASSED HER.
MENOPAUSE,
MAYBE?

I WONDER WHAT
HAPPENED TO
AMAMIYA. SHE'S
BEEN LIKE THAT
EVER SINCE
THE HOKKAIDO
STORY. SHE
HASN'T SMILED
IN EIGHT
MONTHS.



subject: Regarding the Tachibana-sama interview.

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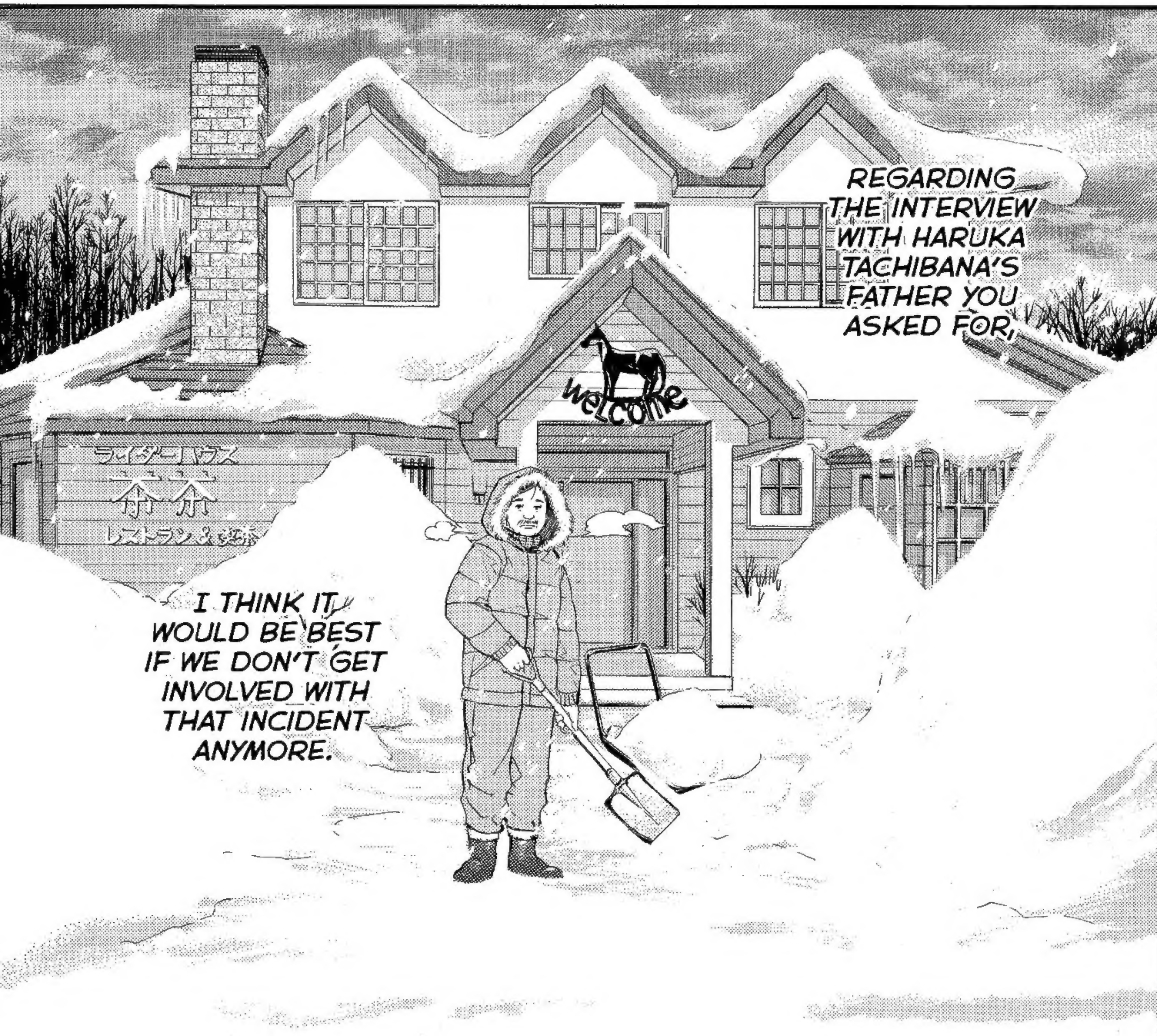
You have mail.

Inbox (1)

Open (Y)

CLICK

!





I WAS
CARE-
LESS.

THAT MY
DAUGHTER
WAS
CAUGHT
IN THE
ERUPTION.

IT WAS
NO ONE'S
FAULT
THAT
HARU...

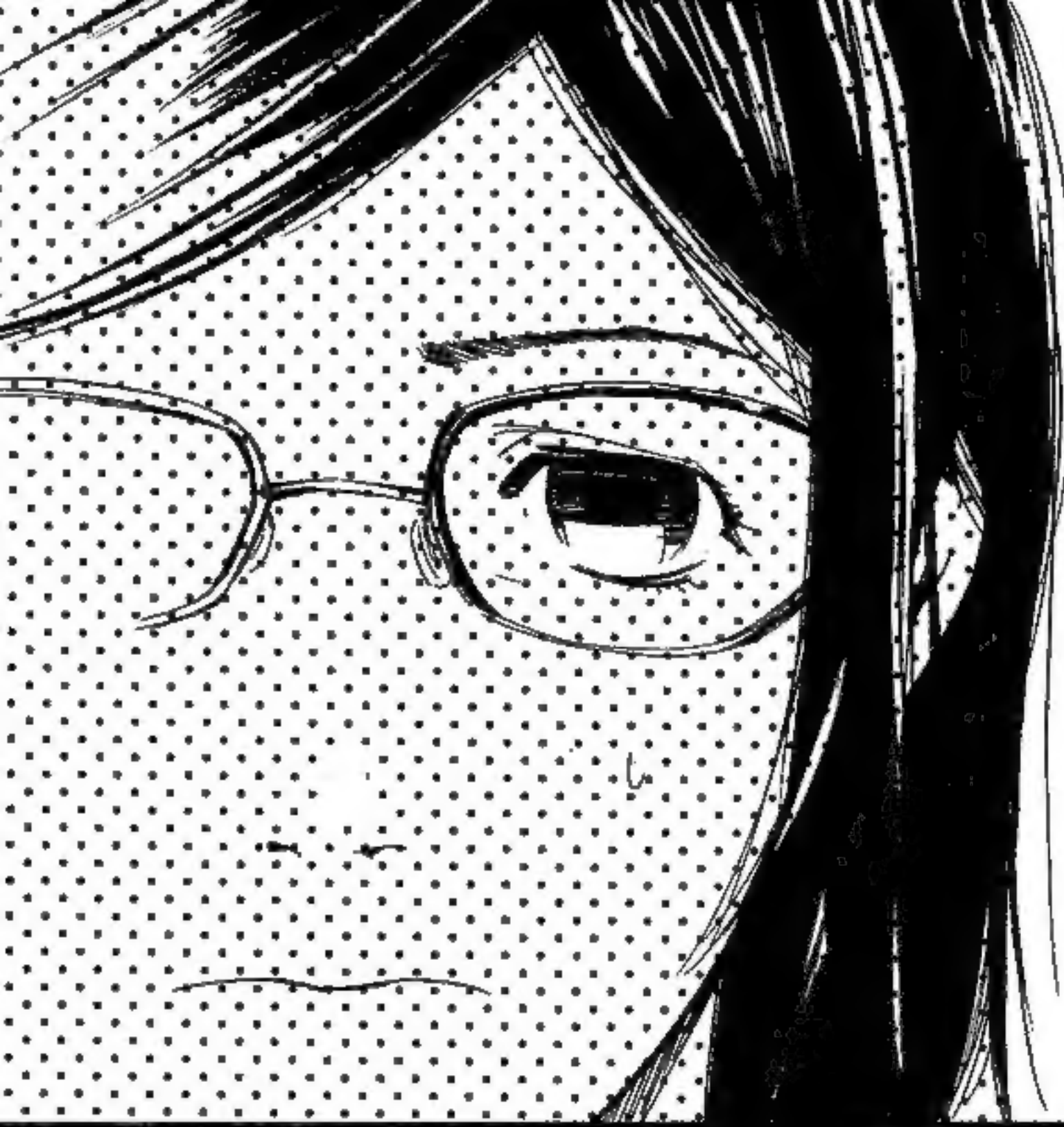


I JUST
WORRY
ABOUT HER
STAYING
WARM IN
THIS SNOW.

BUT I FEEL
LIKE SHE
MIGHT STILL
COME HOME
ANY DAY.



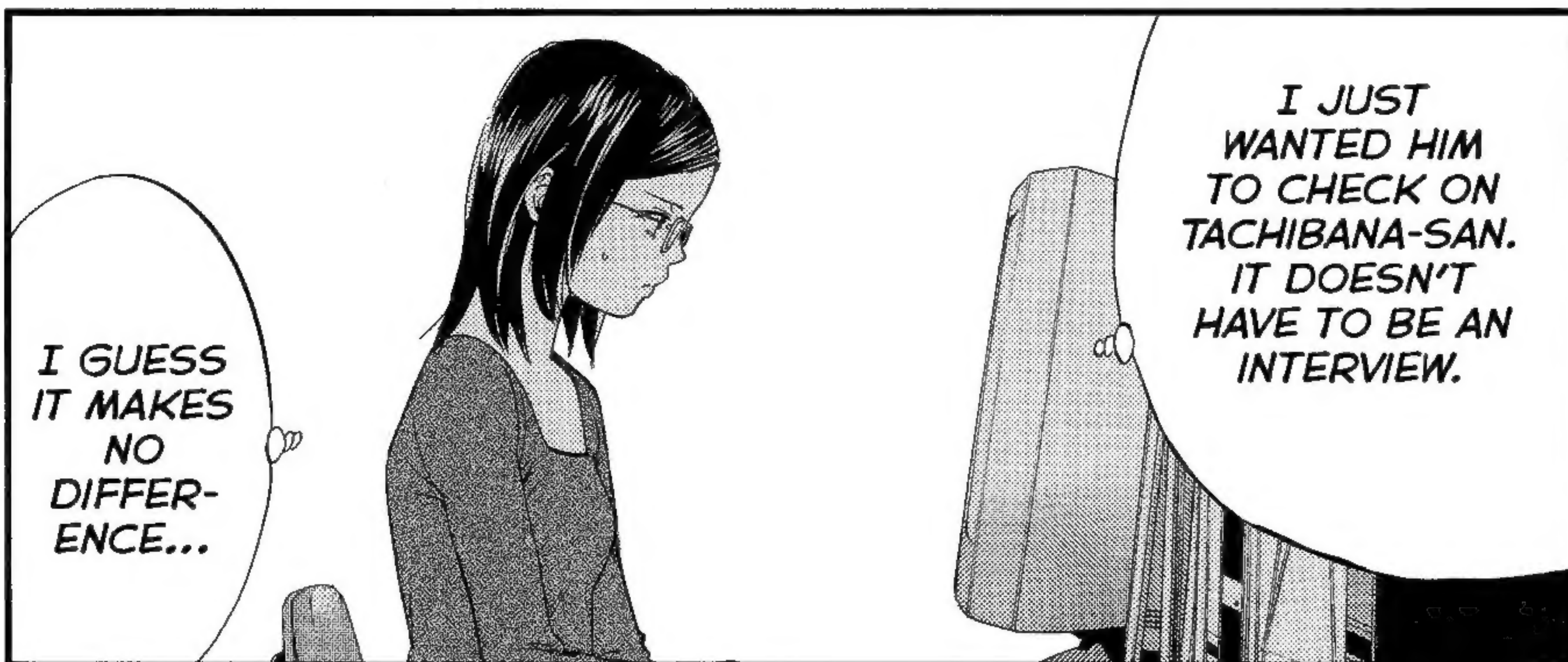
I HOPE
SPRING
COMES
SOON...



WE'VE HAD A
HARD TIME
REPORTING
ABOUT IT, AS
WELL.

THE ERUPTION
SITE HAS BEEN
SEALED OFF
SINCE THEN.

THAT'S WHAT
TACHIBANA-SAN
SAID WHEN I
TALKED TO HIM.
IT SEEMS HE
STILL BLAMES
HIMSELF FOR
THAT INCIDENT.



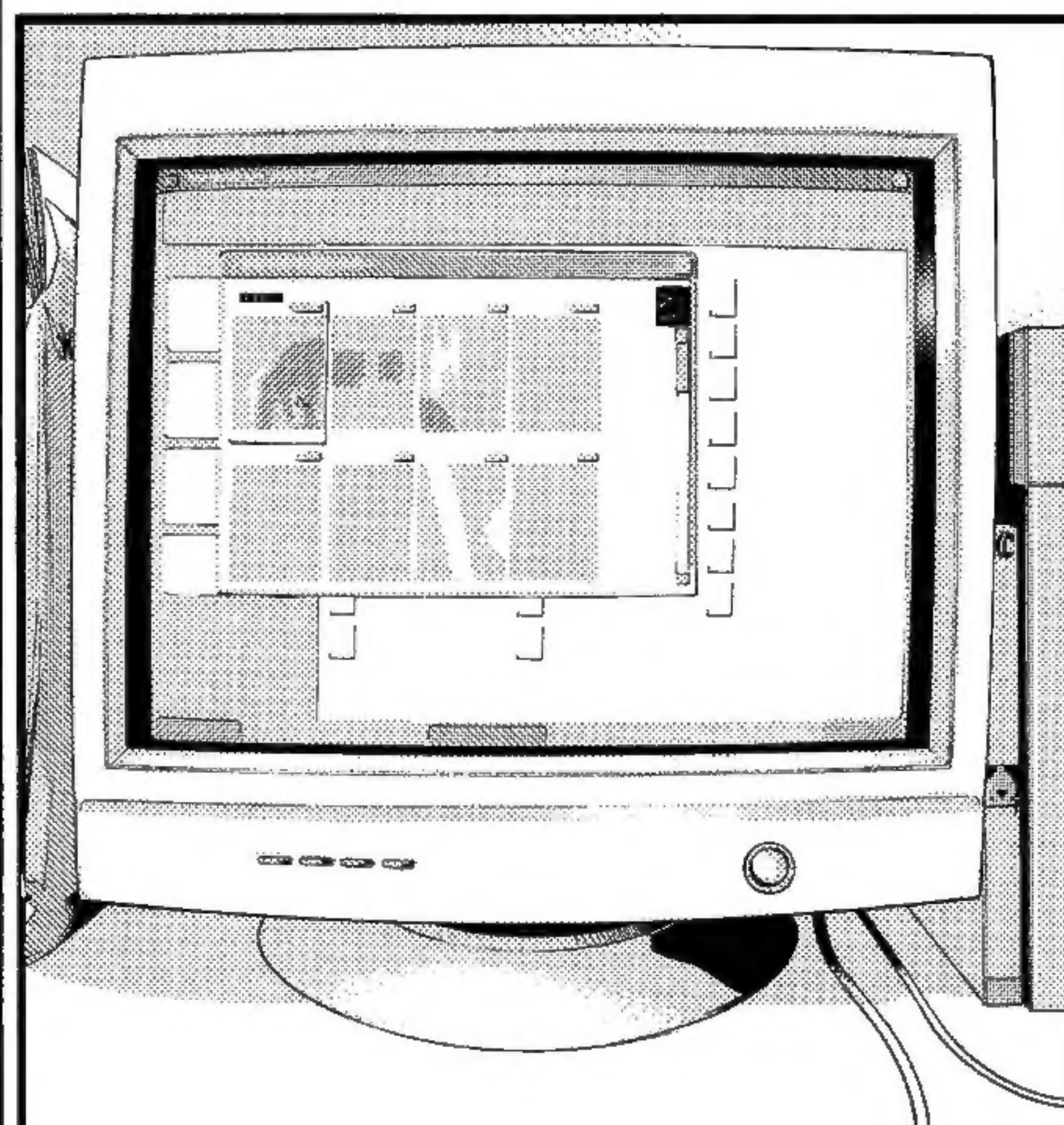
I GUESS
IT MAKES
NO
DIFFER-
ENCE...

I JUST
WANTED HIM
TO CHECK ON
TACHIBANA-SAN.
IT DOESN'T
HAVE TO BE AN
INTERVIEW.



CLICK
CLICK

IT WOULD
PROBABLY
JUST PROVOKE
HIM IF I WENT.





**NOT TO MENTION...IT'S
IN THE PAST NOW.**

THE ERUPTION
THAT OCCURRED
IN HOKKAIDO WAS
WRITTEN OFF TO
BE CAUSED BY A
COMBINATION OF
A LANDSLIDE AND
SUBSIDENCE.

...FROM
THE BOY
NAMED
RON.

WAAAAH!

HIC!

UWEH!

I LEARNED
ABOUT THE
EXISTENCE
OF THE
"COMRADES"

...

AND HOW
THEY WENT
TO THAT
LAKE IN
ORDER TO
RETRIEVE
ACRO'S
HEART.



HE TOLD
ME ABOUT
THE DAY HE
OBTAINED
HIS
MYSTERIOUS
POWERS.


SNIFF

SOB

AS WELL AS
HOW THE
COMRADES...

...WERE MADE
TO FIGHT TO
THE DEATH BY
KATSUMATA.





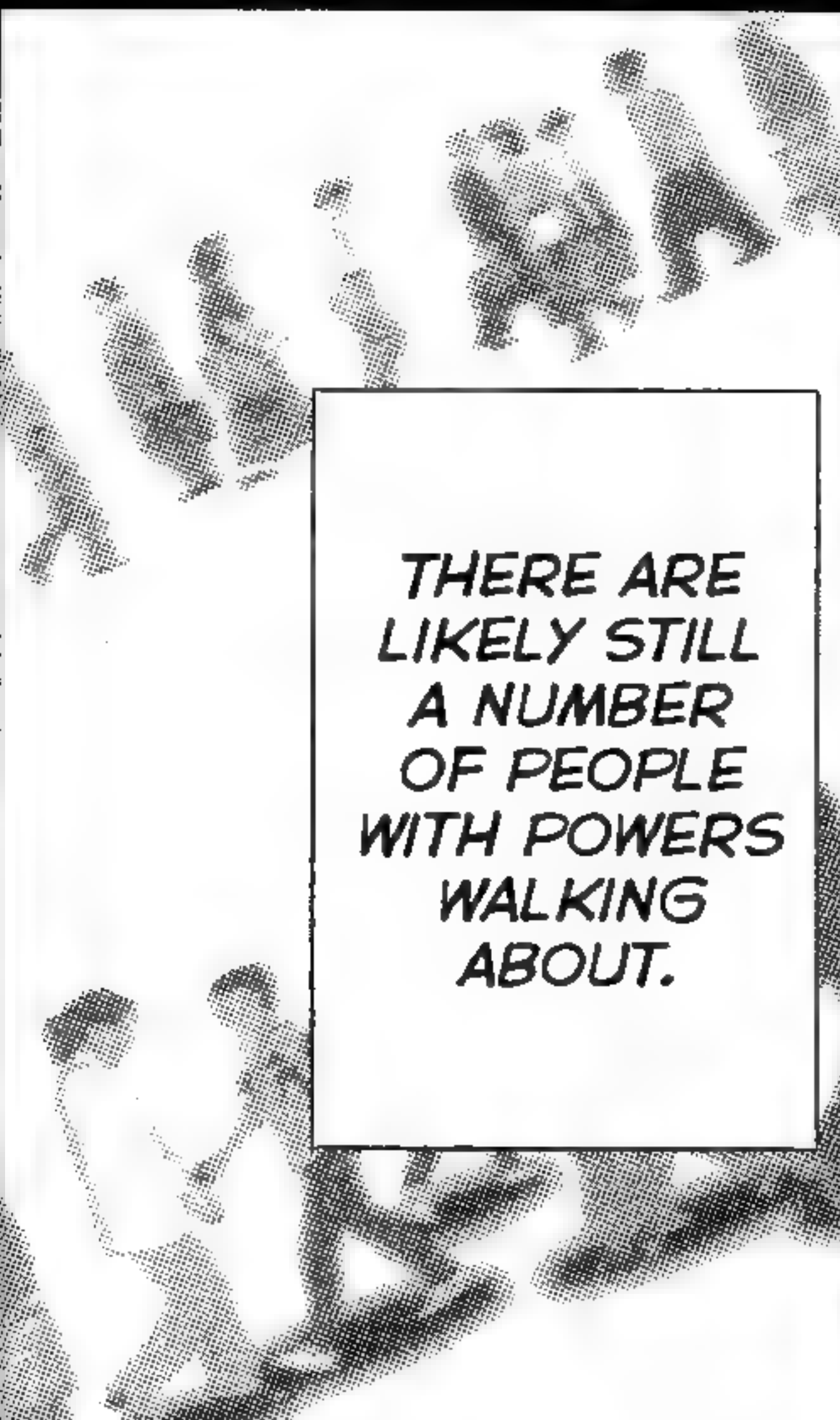
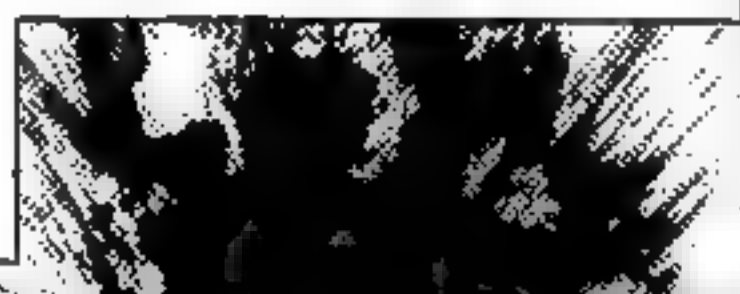
AN ALIEN
SPECIES IN
THE FORM OF
A COLLECTIVE
CONSCIOUS
CAME TO EARTH
AND PARASITIZED
THE MINDS
OF HUMANS,
CAUSING THEM
TO COMMIT
SUICIDE.

THIS
CAME TO
BE THE
FIRST
MASS
SUICIDE
CRISIS.

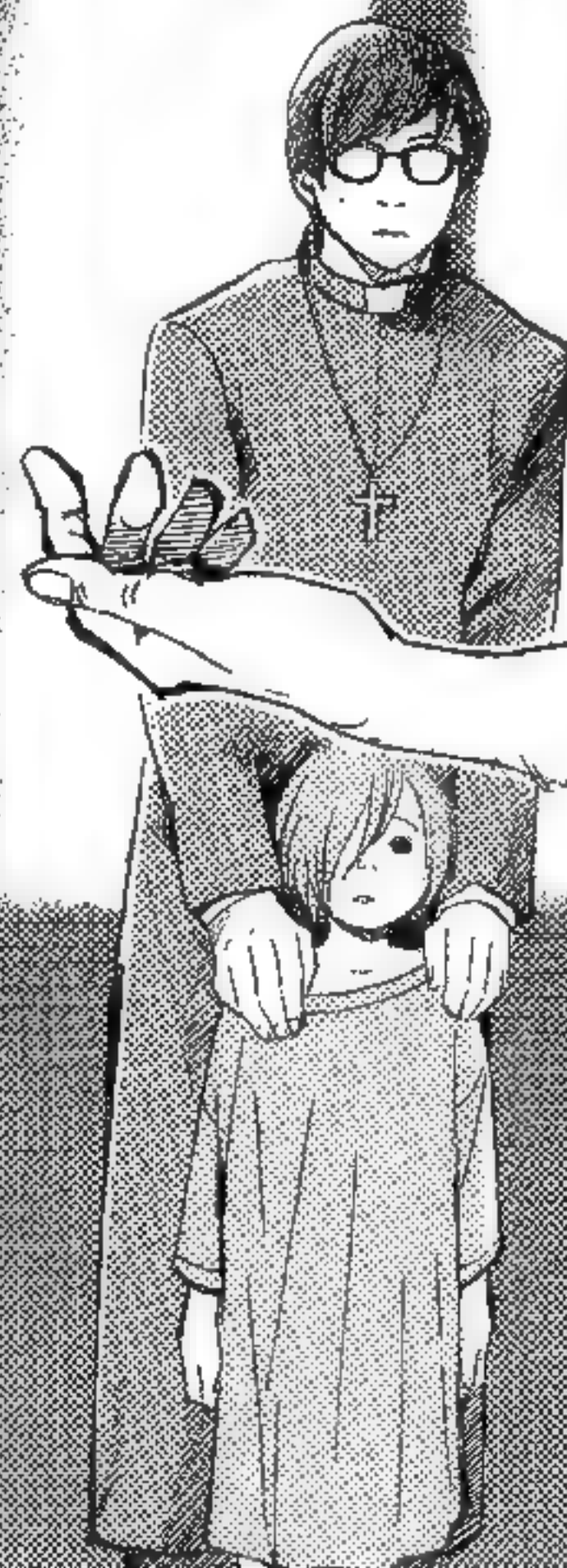


AND USED
THEIR POWERS
TO COMMIT
VARIOUS
BIZARRE
MURDERS.

HOSTS WHO
SURVIVED
THE
INCIDENT
WENT ON
TO BECOME
COMRADES,

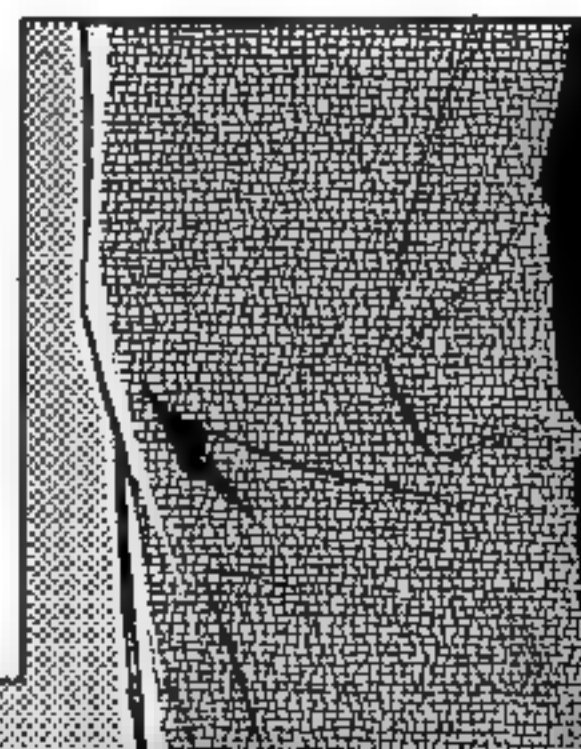


THERE ARE
LIKELY STILL
A NUMBER
OF PEOPLE
WITH POWERS
WALKING
ABOUT.



PIECING
TOGETHER
INFORMATION
KATSUMATA
TOLD RON,

THE ORIGIN
OF THE
COMRADES
GOES
SOMETHING
LIKE THIS...



THEN, ON
THAT DAY
EIGHT
MONTHS
AGO, THE
COMRADES
SUDDENLY
DIED EN
MASSE.



THIS
WAS THE
SECOND
MASS
SUICIDE.





TO
SLAUGHTER
PEOPLE?

THE
QUESTION IS,
WHY DID THE
COMRADES
APPEAR IN
THE FIRST
PLACE?



FOR THE
LONGEST
TIME, I WAS
CONVINCED
THAT HE WAS
THE CULPRIT.

TAISUKE
KANOU
ALWAYS
SEEMED TO
SHOW UP
AROUND
CRIME
SCENES.



BUT...

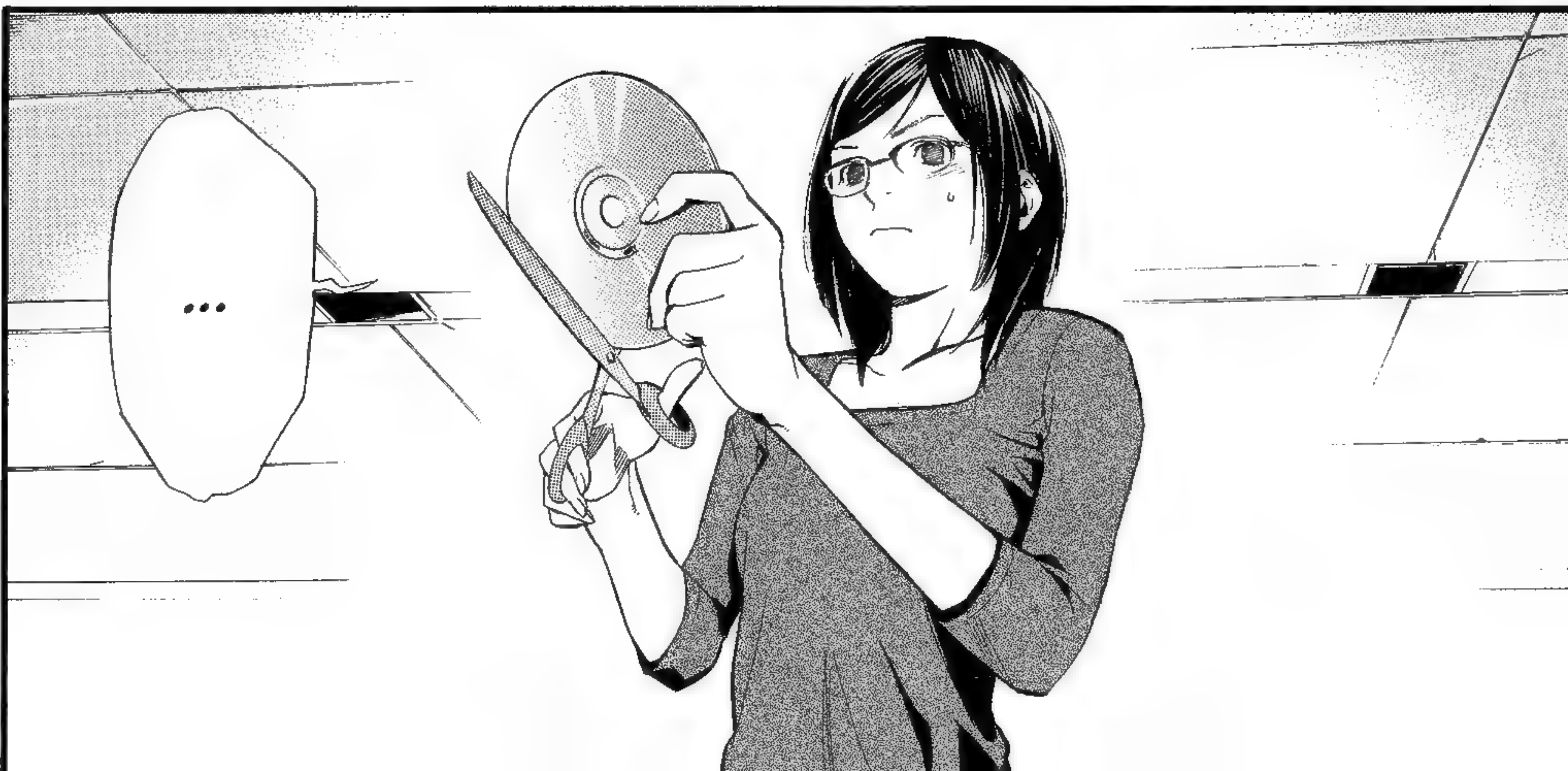
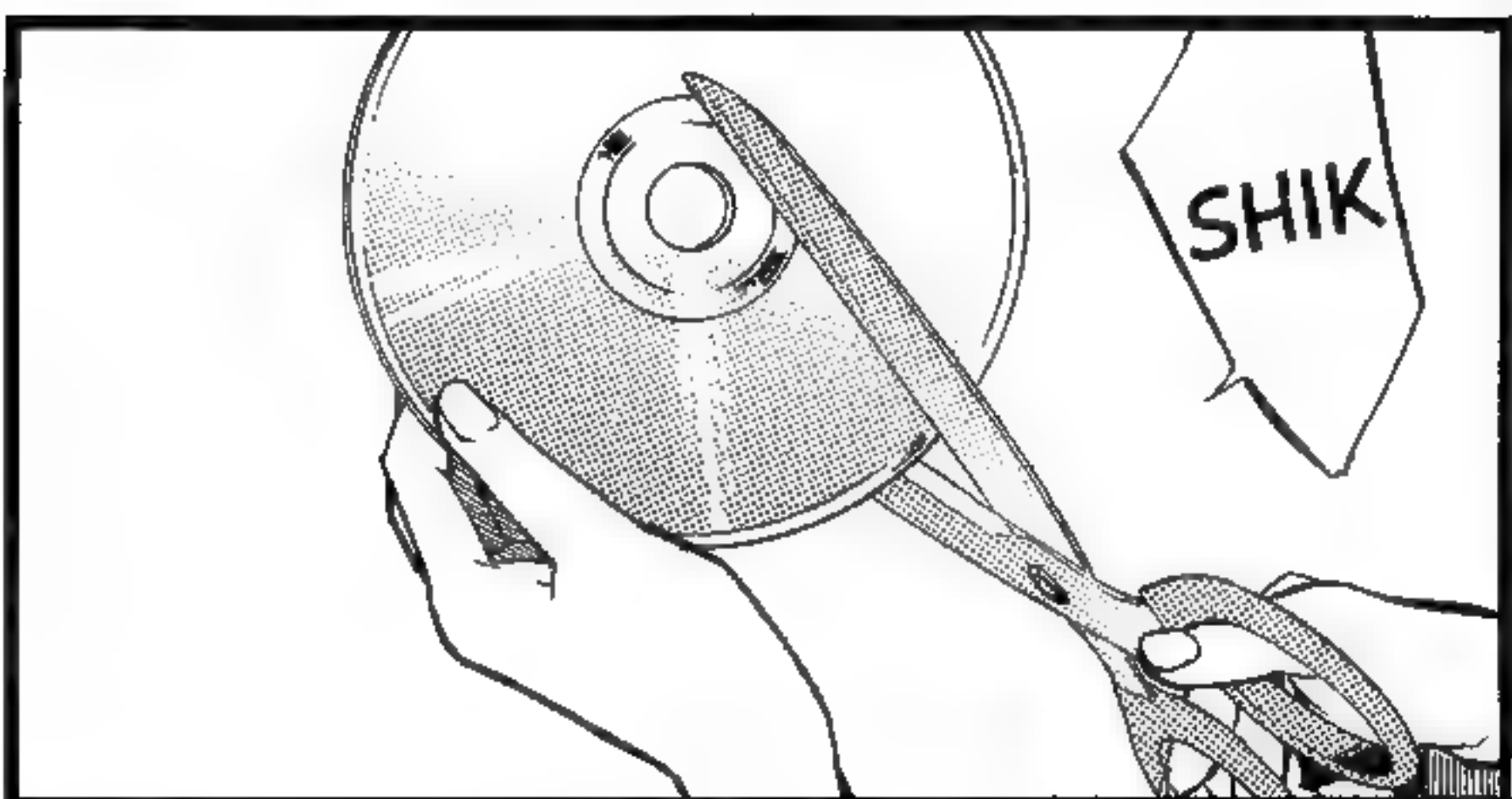
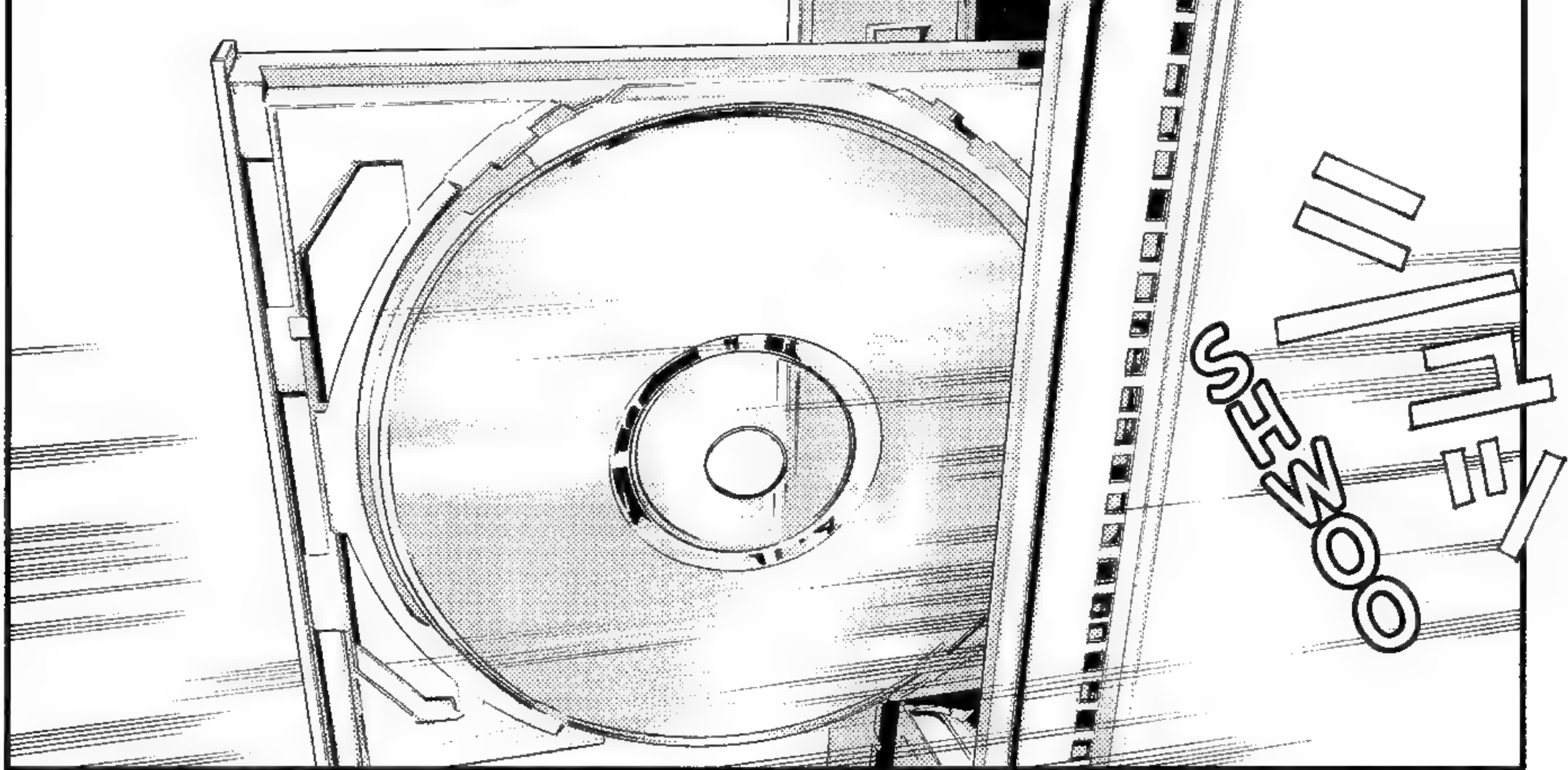


HE WAS
JUST A
REGULAR
BOY.



HE DIDN'T
SEEM LIKE
A KILLER
AT ALL.







THERE ARE
TIMES WHEN
IT'S BEST
TO WIPE
THE SLATE
CLEAN.

SHIK

NO ONE
WOULD
BELIEVE
THIS
STORY.

WHAT CAN
I HOPE TO
ACCOM-
PLISH NOW,
ANYWAY?

WHY AM I
HESITATING?

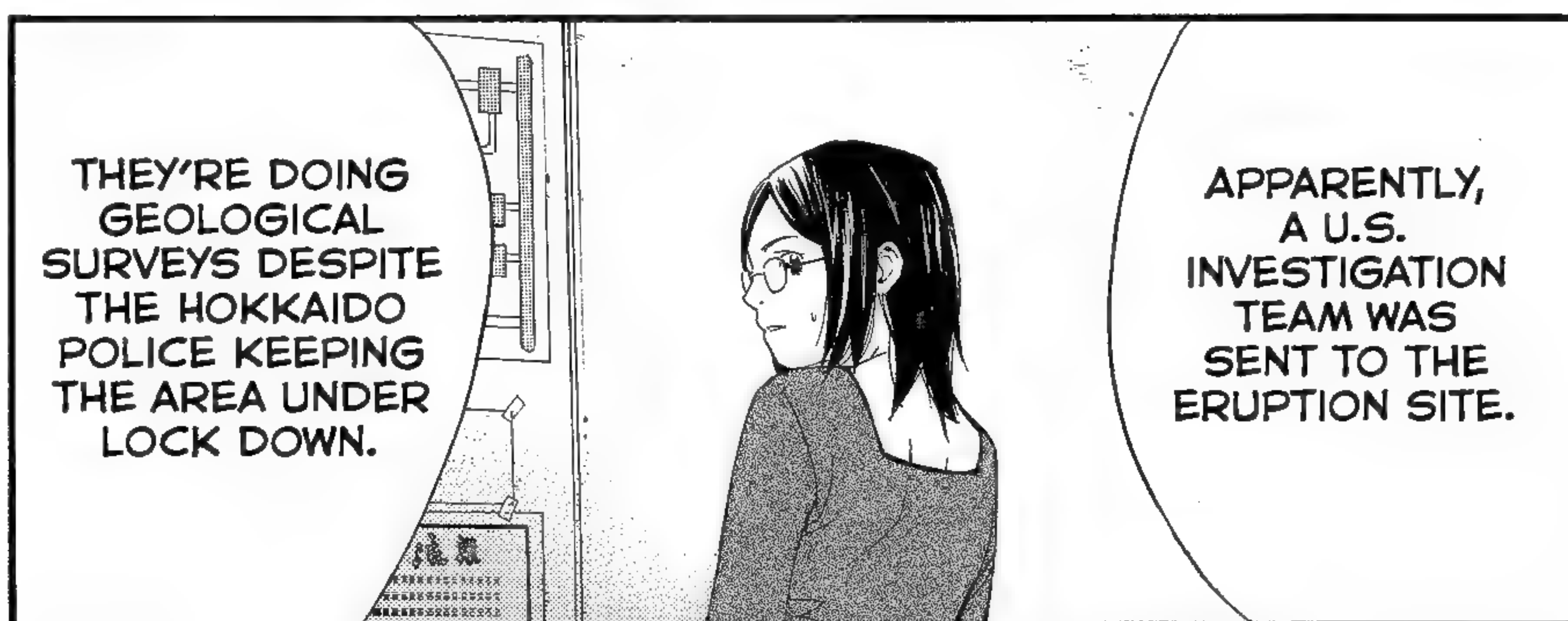


TO PRETEND NOTHING HAPPENED...



FWUMP







IT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH US ANYMORE!

THAT INCIDENT'S ALL SAID AND DONE FOR!

THE LIE!



SHIK

PLEASE DON'T STIR THINGS UP AGAIN!


JUST FORGET ABOUT IT!





**A-AMAMIYA!
WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?!**

TOILET



**HOW MANY
PEOPLE
HAVE DIED?
HOW MANY
PEOPLE HAVE
BEEN LEFT IN
TEARS?!**

**I CAN'T
JUST TURN
IT INTO
TRASH.**

SHIK

SHIK

**LET'S
JUST
CALM
DOWN
...**



**ODA-
CHAN!**

**WE'RE
THE ONLY
ONES WHO
CAN CALL
WHITE
BLACK!**



EVEN IF IN
THE MOST
INSIGNIFICANT
WAY,

MY JOB
IS TO
LEAVE A
MARK!

LET

ME

GOO

OOO!

SOUL
KICK





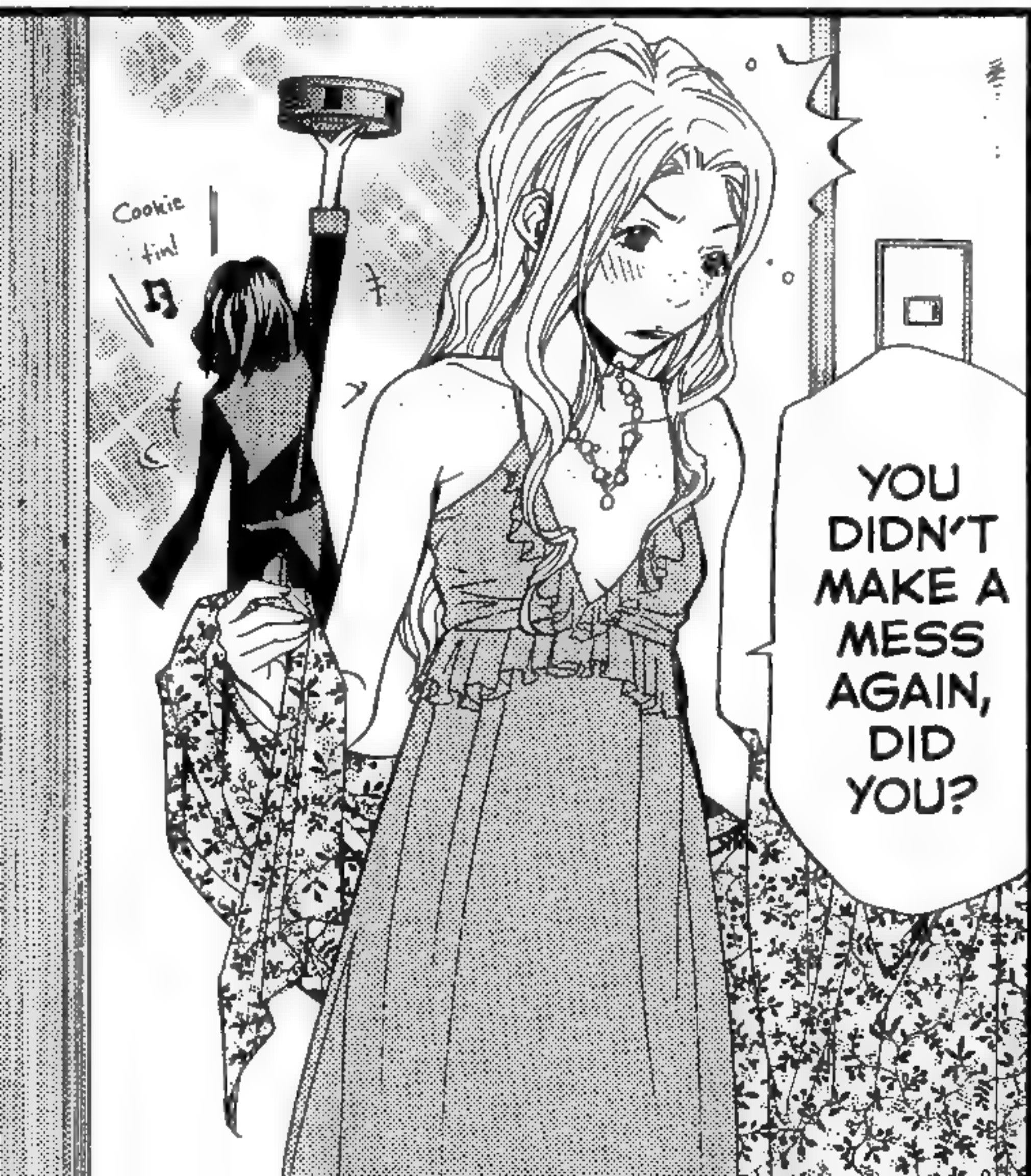
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INTERESTED
IN LEAVING
ANYTHING
BEHIND.



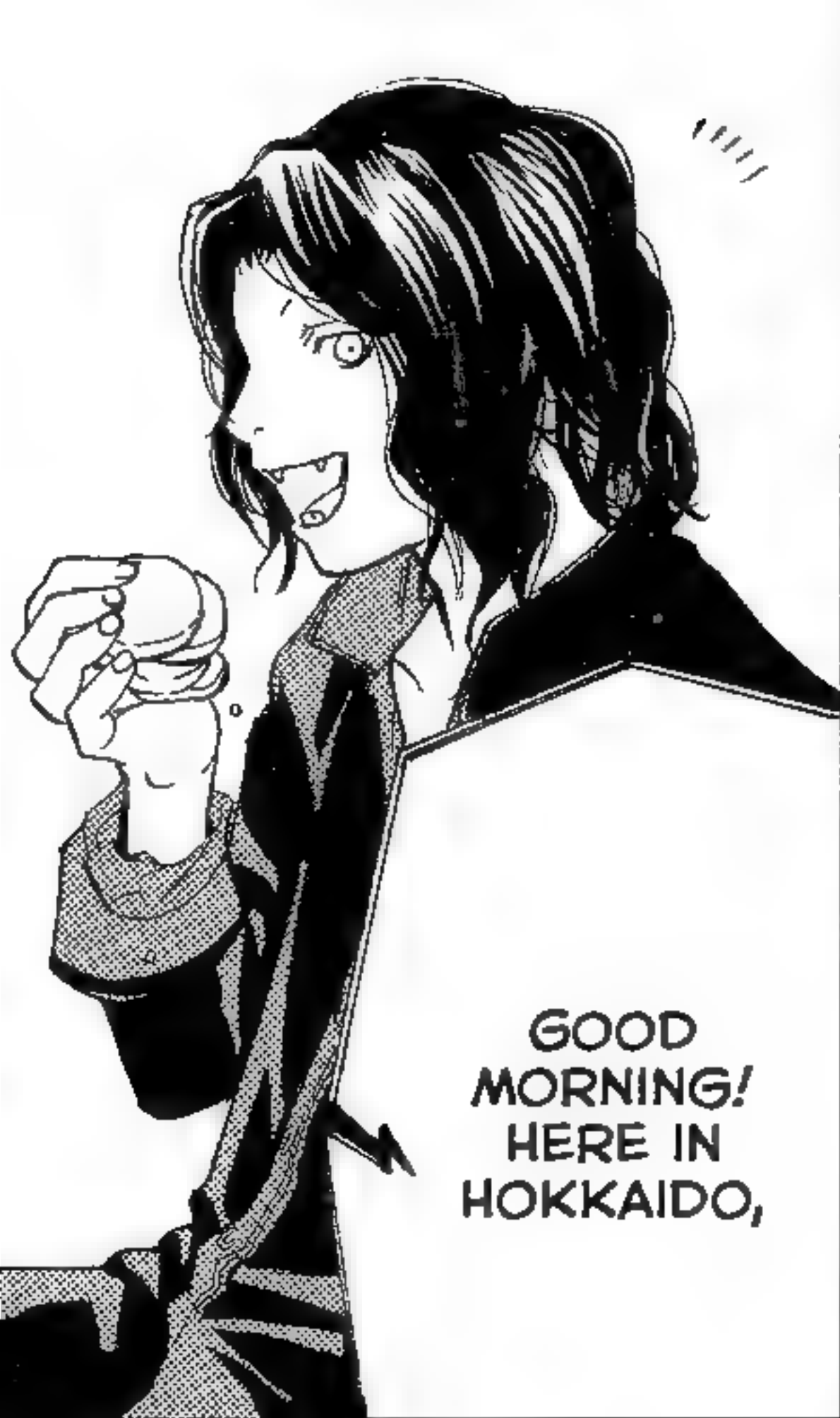
THAT'S
MY
GREED.

SURE IS
PRETTY...

CREATE
THEN
DESTROY.





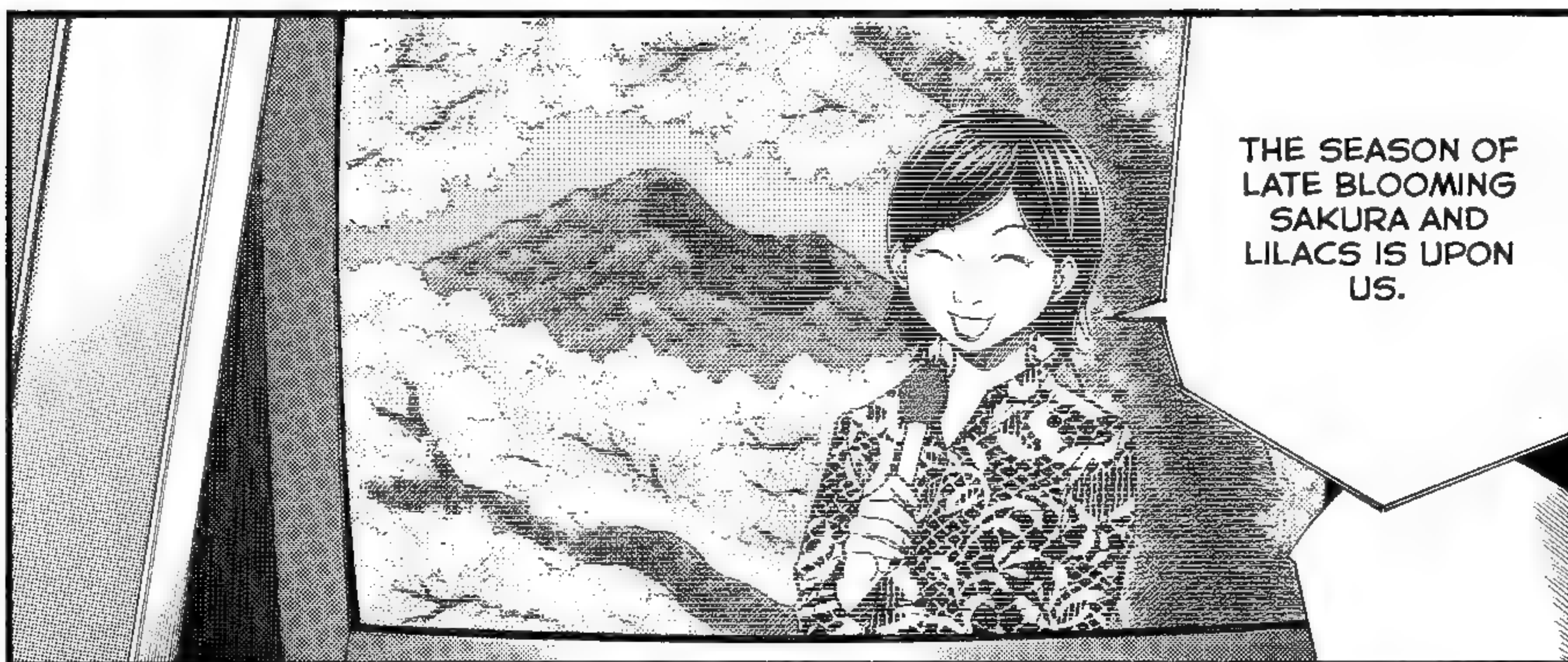


GOOD
MORNING!
HERE IN
HOKKAIDO,



HEHE
...

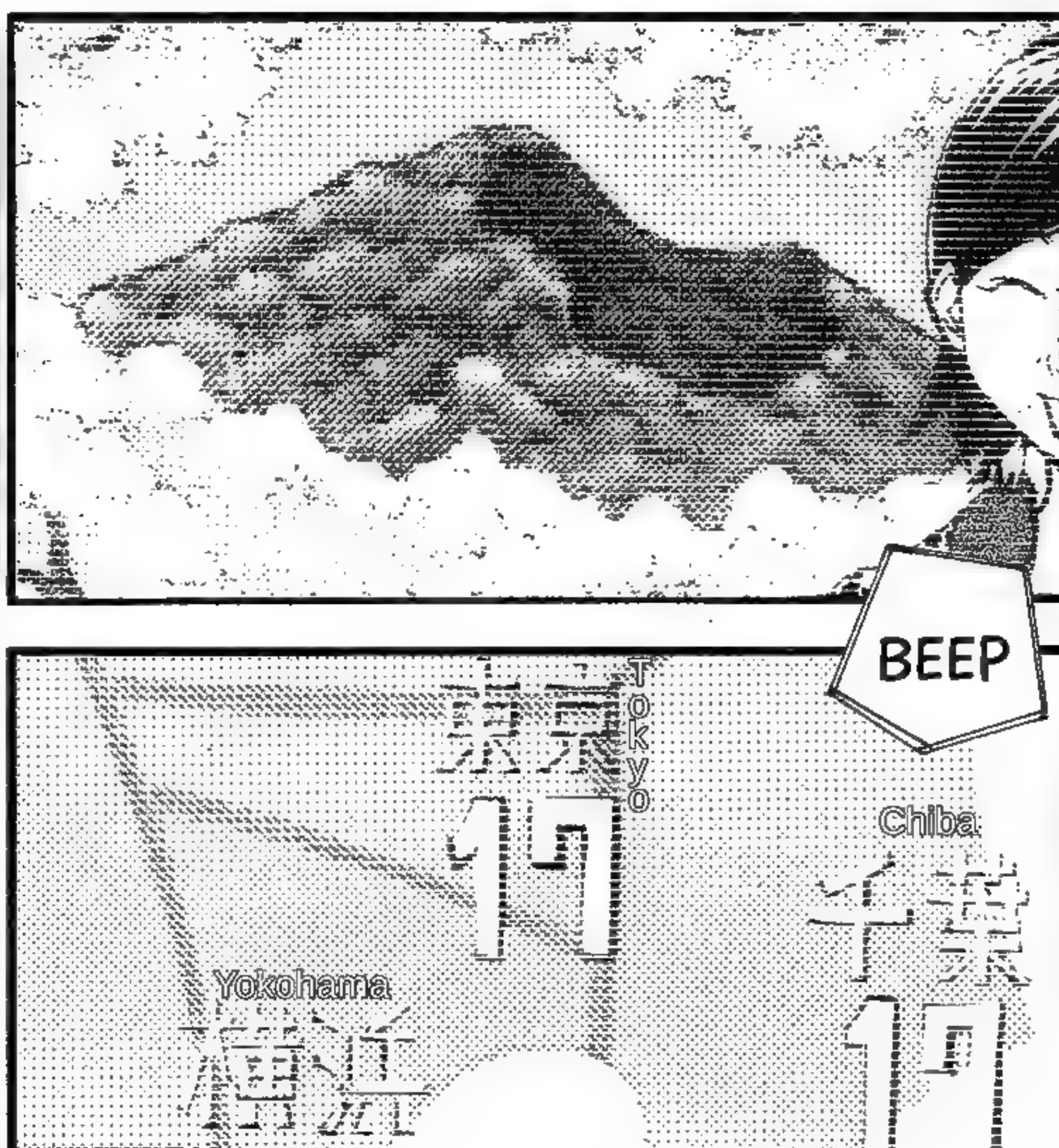
UGH.
GET OUT
ALREADY...



THE SEASON OF
LATE BLOOMING
SAKURA AND
LILACS IS UPON
US.



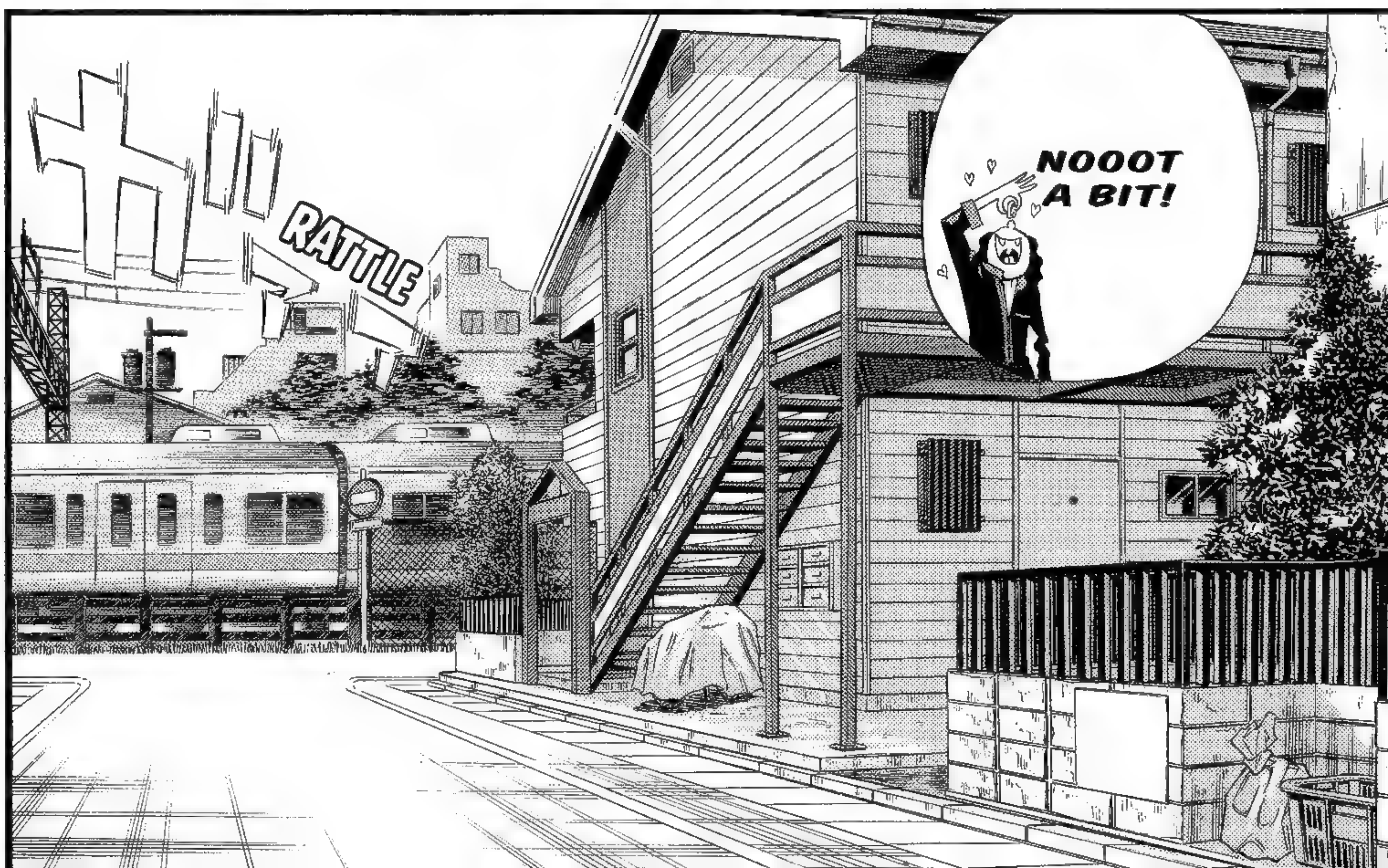
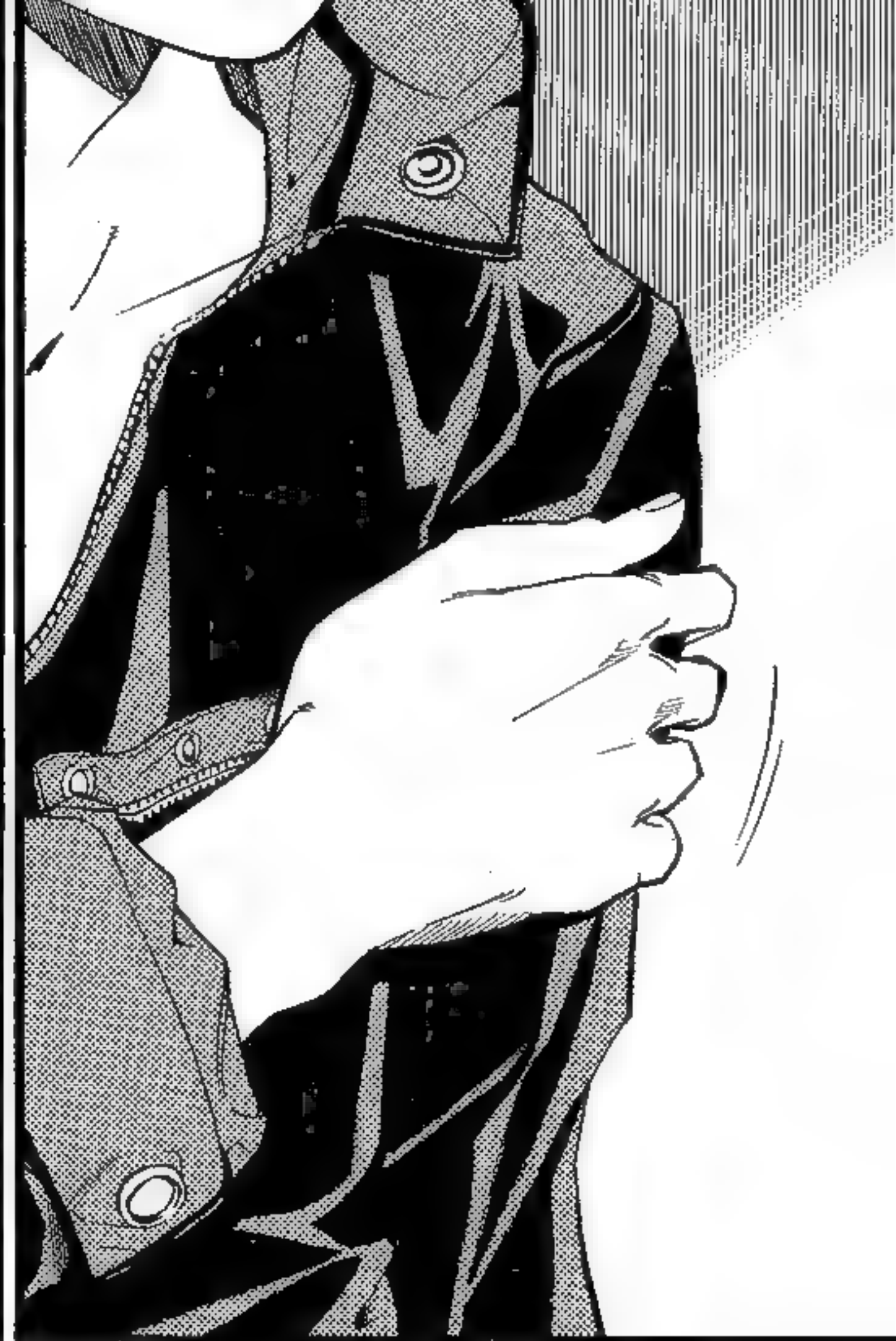
I HAVE THE
DAY OFF
TOMORROW.
MAYBE I
SHOULD GO
OUT...



BEEP

Yokohama

Chiba



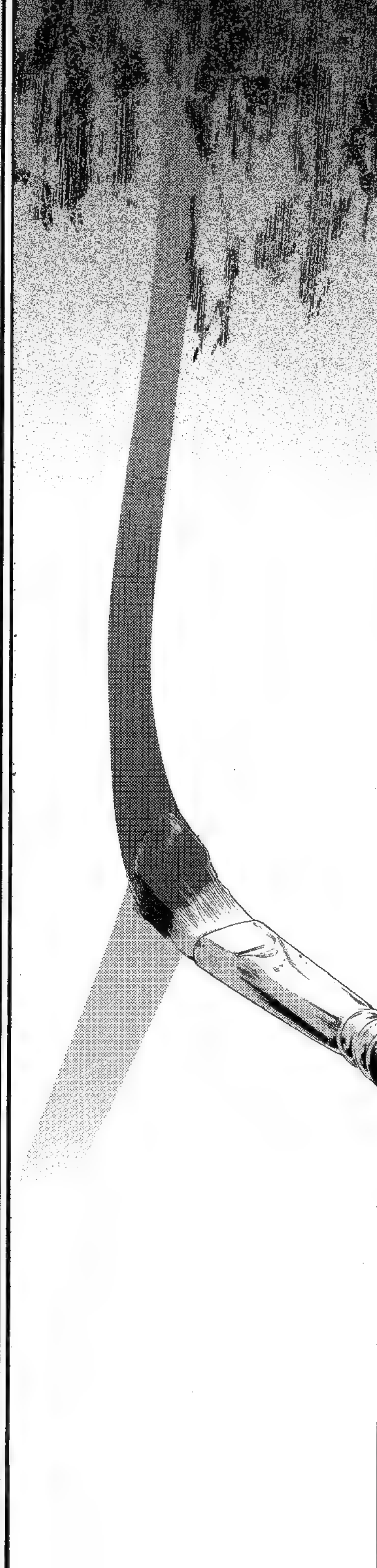


SKRSH

SKRSH

THESE
DAYS, I'M
ACTUALLY
GLAD...

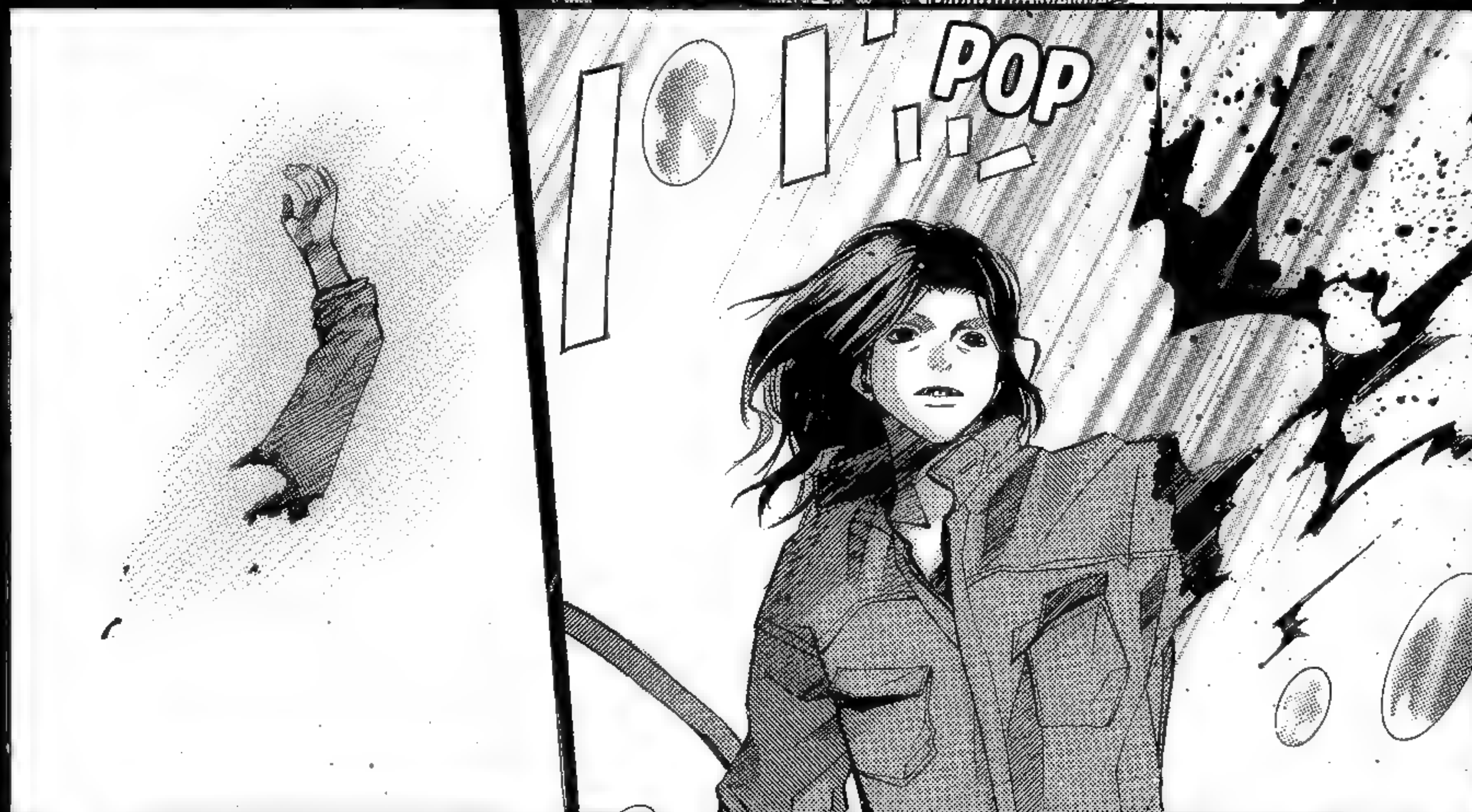
...THAT
IT WAS
MY LEFT
ARM I
LOST.



THAT
MOMENT...

I
SURPRISED
MYSELF.

TO THINK I
WAS THIS
ATTACHED TO
SOMETHING.



...I SUDDENLY
GOT SCARED.

WHEN I
THOUGHT
THAT I
WOULDN'T
BE ABLE
TO PAINT
AGAIN...



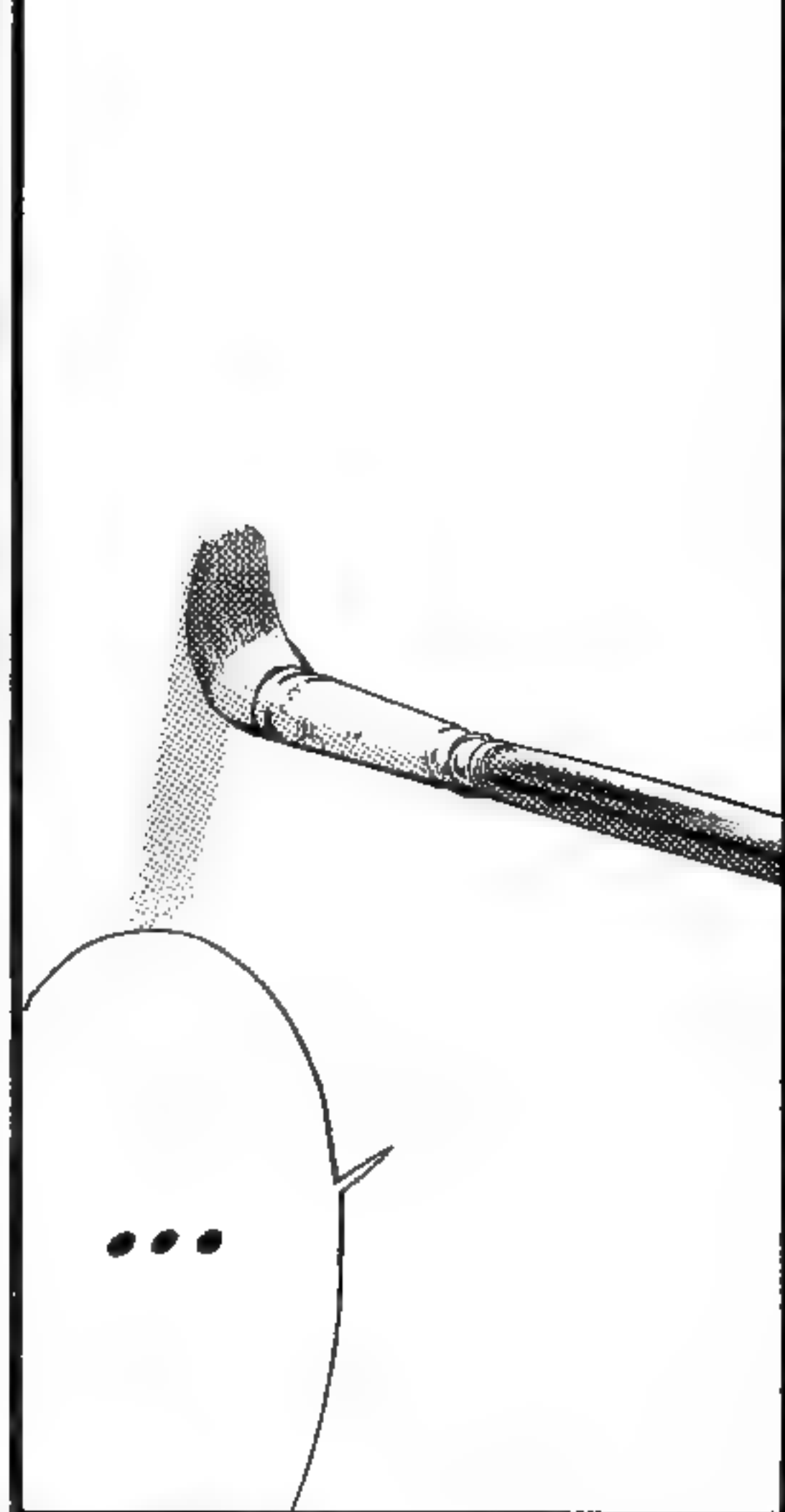
AND THEN
IN AN
INSTANT...

I WAS TORN
BETWEEN THAT
OVERWHELMING
LONGING FOR
DEATH AND
A BUDDING
ATTACHMENT
TO LIFE.





HOW
LAME...



I'M
SUCH A
LOSER.

TO THINK
I'D GET
COLD FEET
WHEN IT
COMES
TO THE
CRUNCH.

GIGGLE

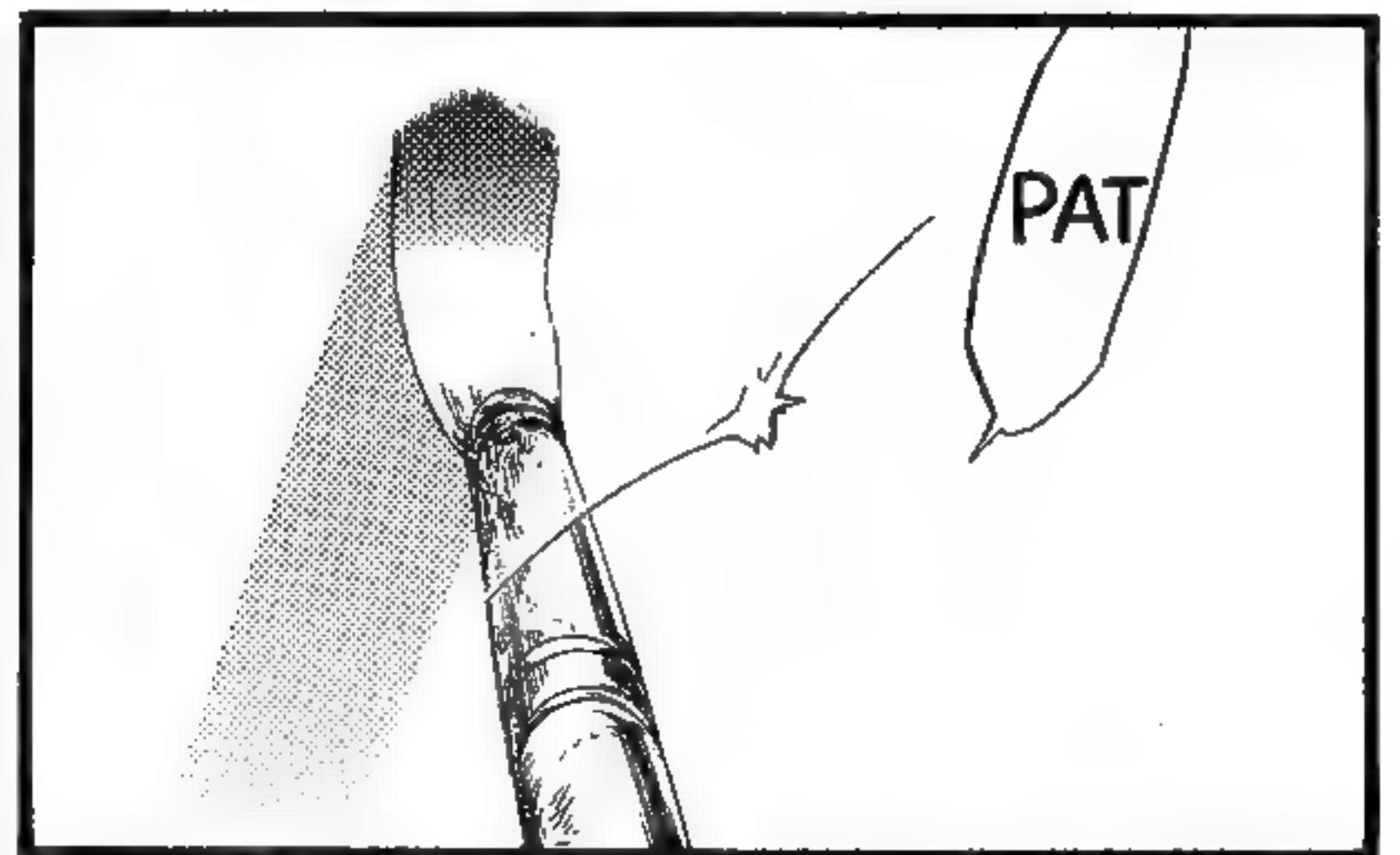


WHAT'RE YOU
LOOKIN' AT?

You were
awake?

SNICKER

GIGGLE

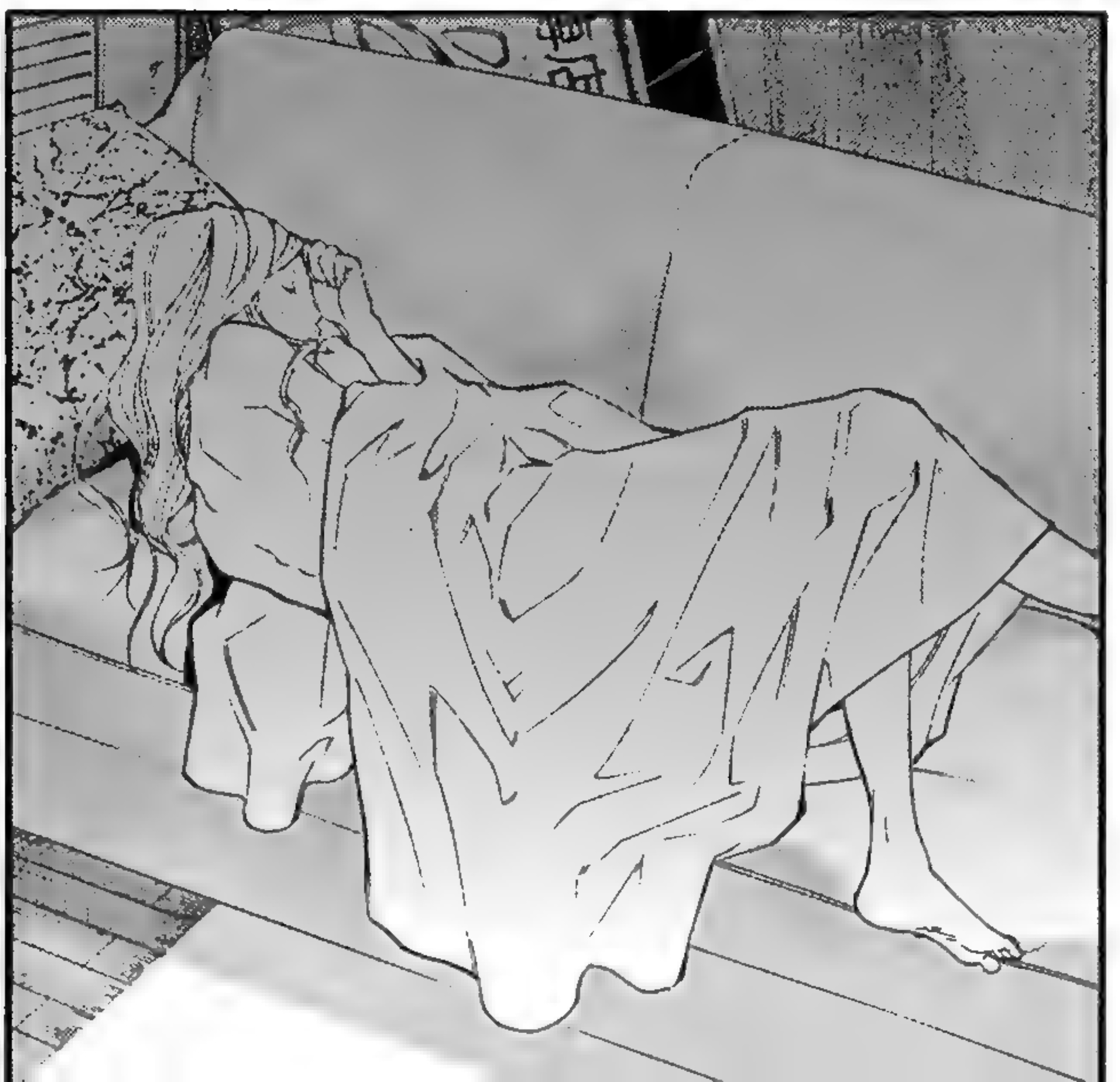
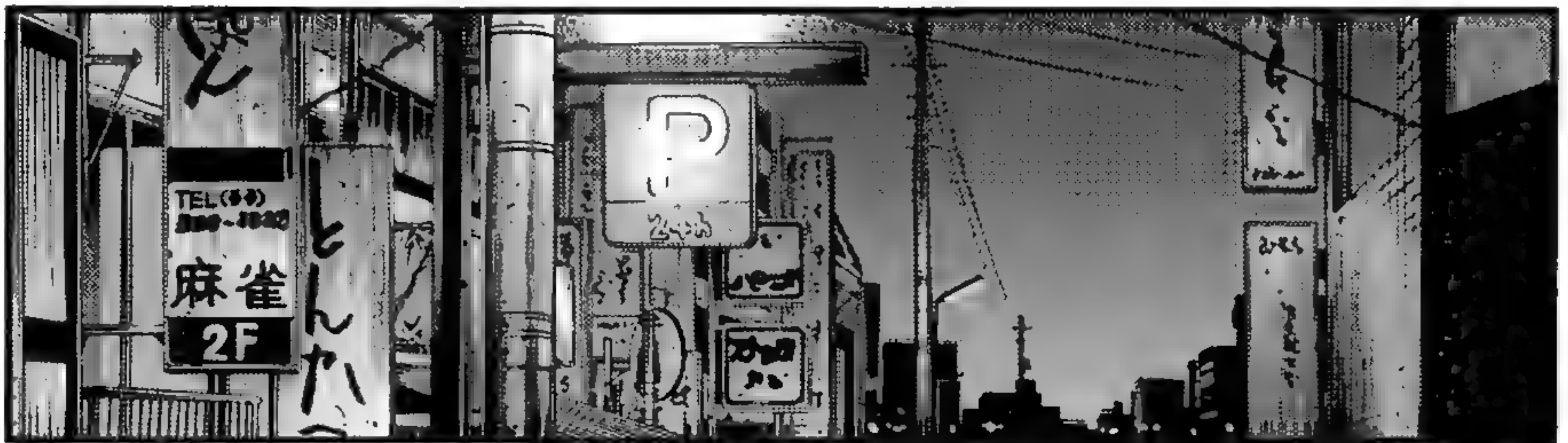




I WONDER IF I
COULD PAINT
SOMETHING
BETTER.

IF I GOT
MY HANDS
ON THAT,

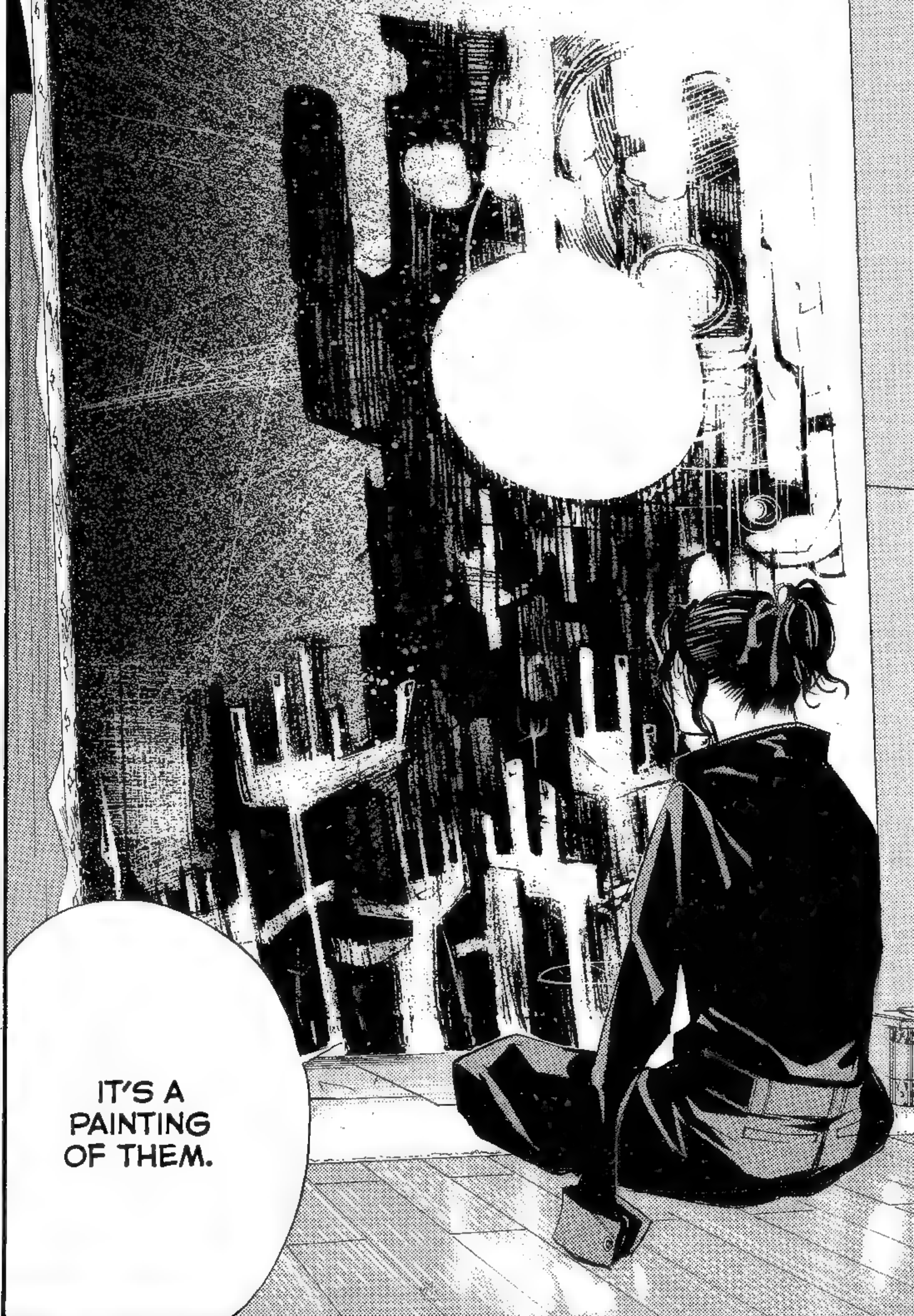
*IT SURE WAS
BEAUTIFUL.*





I
SURVIVED.

BUT THE
OTHERS
PROBABLY...



IT'S A
PAINTING
OF THEM.



YOU HAVE AN
INTERESTING
HOLE IN YOUR
HEART.

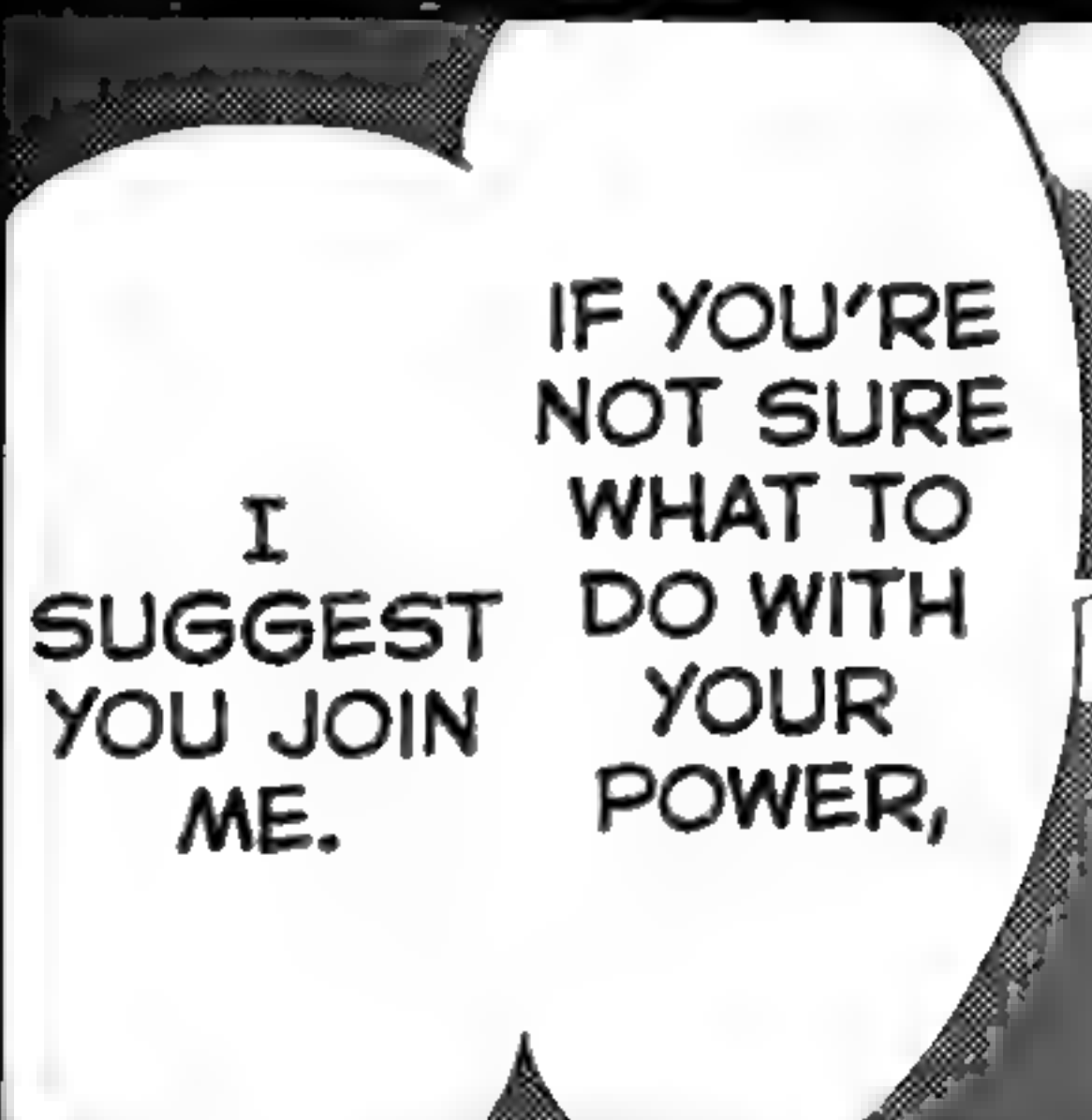
WE WERE ALL
DEFECTIVE
IN SOME
WAY.



I LEARNED
SOMETHING
AFTER
BECOMING A
COMRADE.



IT HAS
A VERY
PECULIAR
SHAPE.



I
SUGGEST
YOU JOIN
ME.

IF YOU'RE
NOT SURE
WHAT TO
DO WITH
YOUR
POWER,



WHO'RE
YOU?



HMM.
YOU'RE
LIKE ME,
HUH?



MUCH MORE
THAN JUST
DESTROYING
WORKS OF
ART.

VERY.



OH, YEAH?
WILL IT BE
FUN?



COME
SEE ME
WHEN
YOU'RE
FREE.

I HAVE
SWEETS.



?!



PAT !



CHATTER

CHATTER

...BUT THE TRUTH IS HE JUST WANTED ACRO'S HEART.

DO YOU UNDERSTAND?

AND IN ORDER FOR THAT, WE NEED YOUR POWER.

CASE 1, OUR FIRST STRONGHOLD IN THE WORLD.

HE BAITED US WITH ALL THAT TALK ABOUT SOME EVENT CALLED CASE 1a..

THIS REGION WAS CHOSEN AFTER ACRO'S HEART WAS CONFIRMED TO BE DORMANT THERE.

WE WILL USE THIS LAND AS A BASE OF OPERATIONS TO BRING ABOUT A REVOLUTION.

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...IS THAT KATSUMATA SAW RIGHT THROUGH MY DEFECT.

WHAT I'M MOST AFRAID OF.

AND THAT'S...

BUT WHAT PISSES ME OFF EVEN MORE...

DAMN IT...

IN THE END, THAT OLD FART JUST USED US.

...BEING
JUDGED.

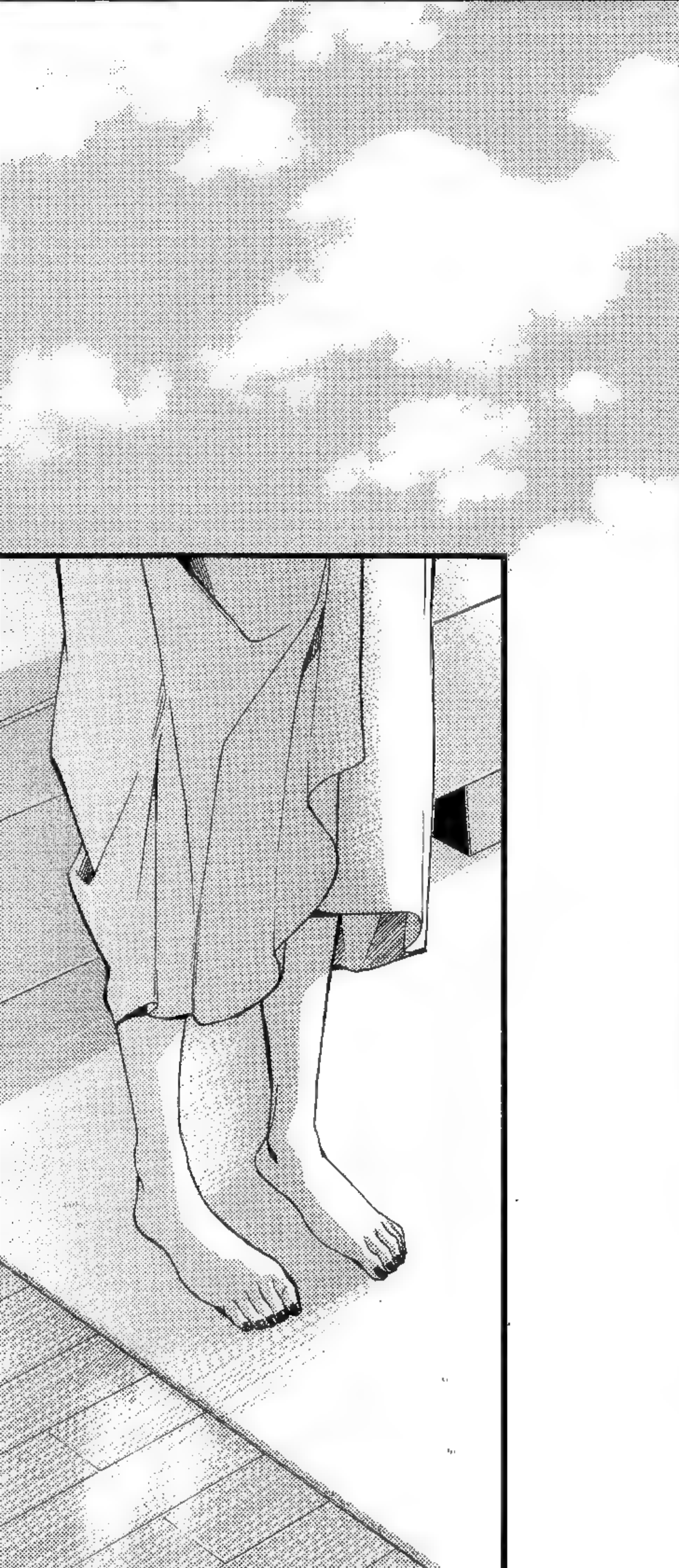
THAT'S
WHY I
DESTROY
MY WORK.

BEFORE IT'S
EXPOSED
TO OTHERS.

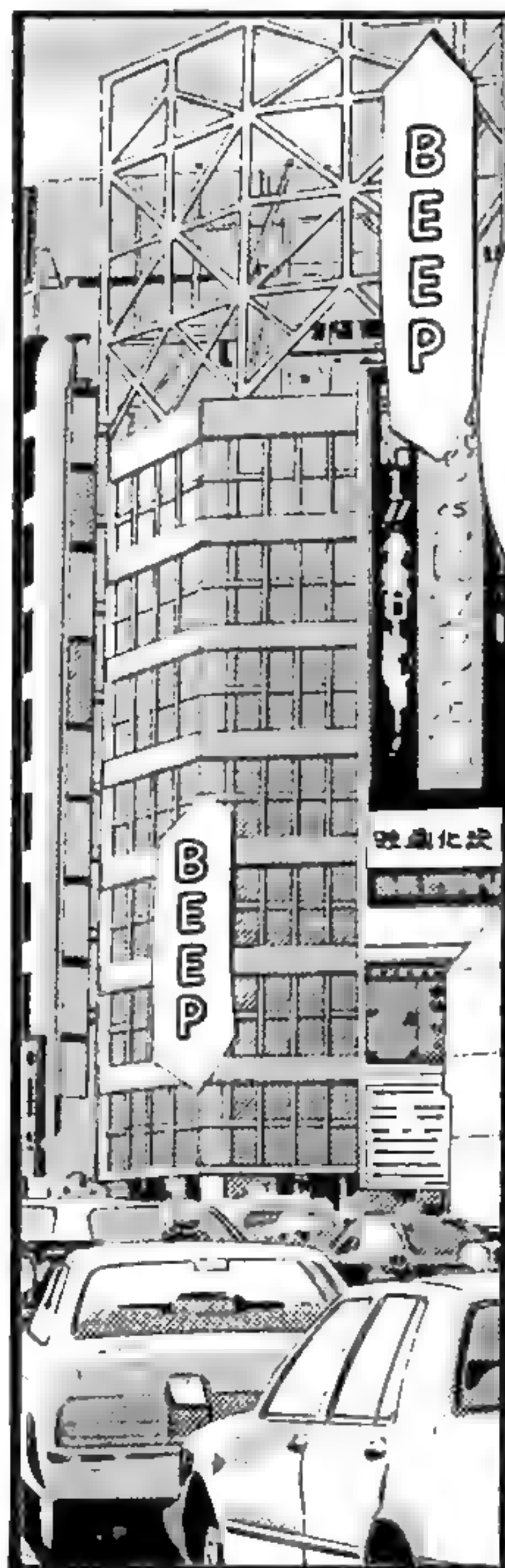
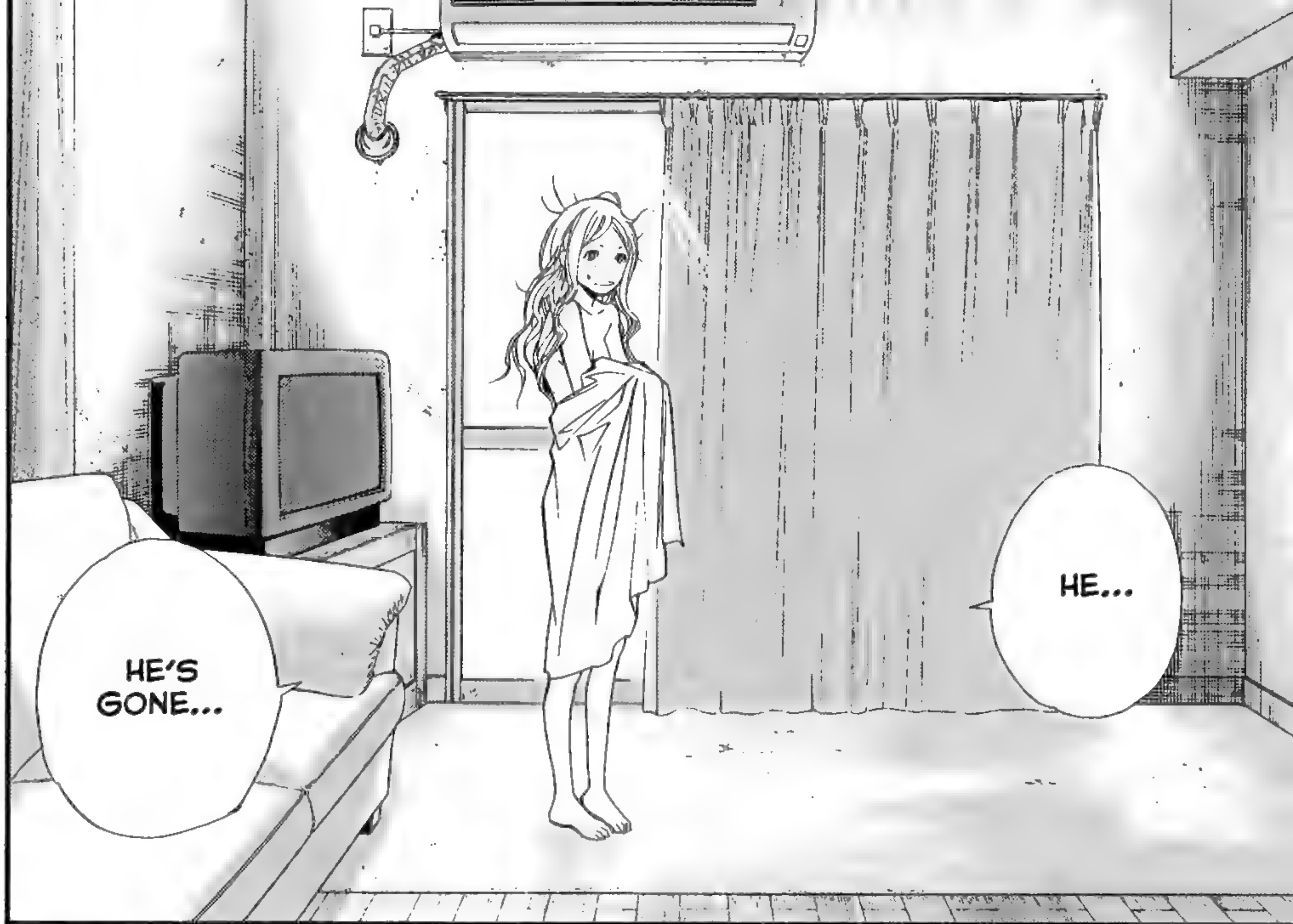


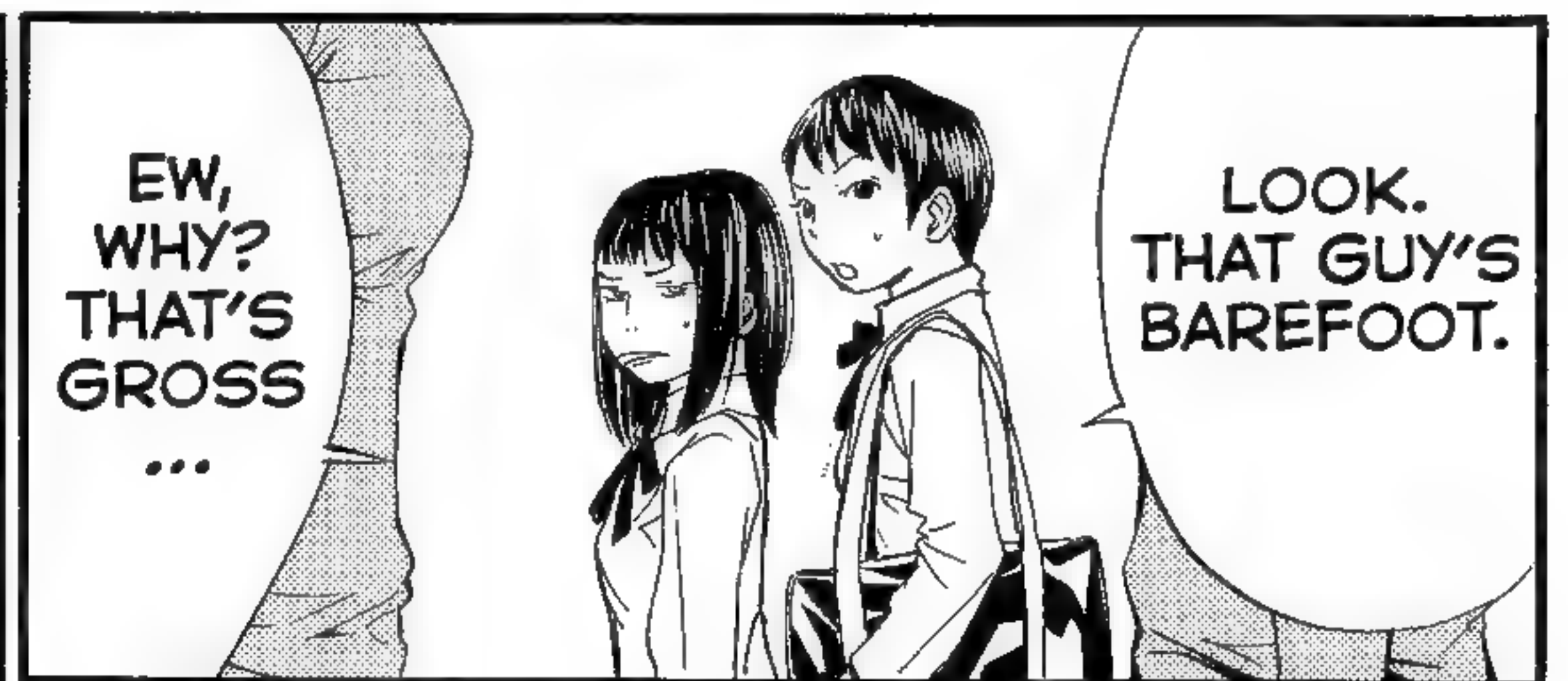
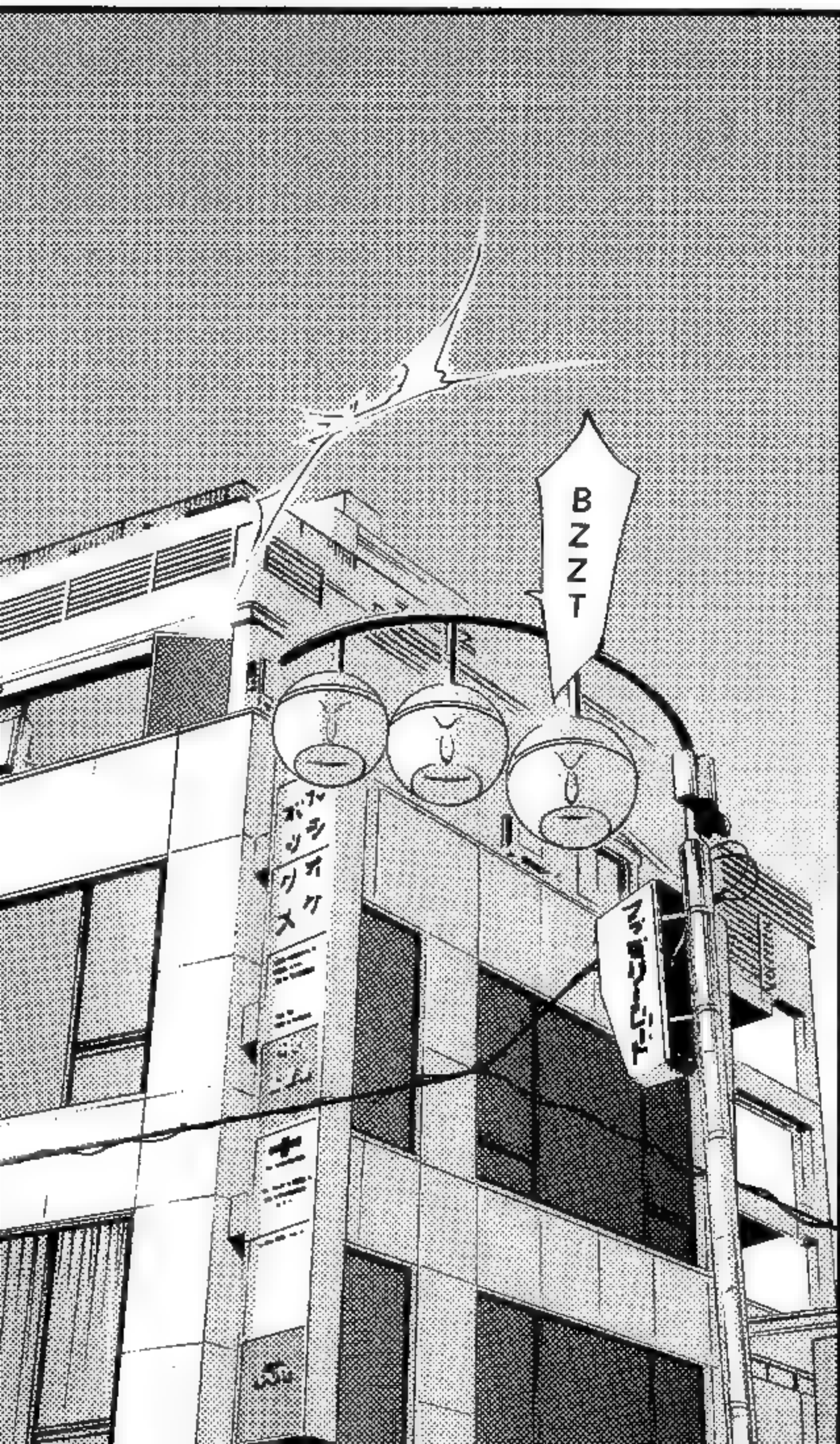
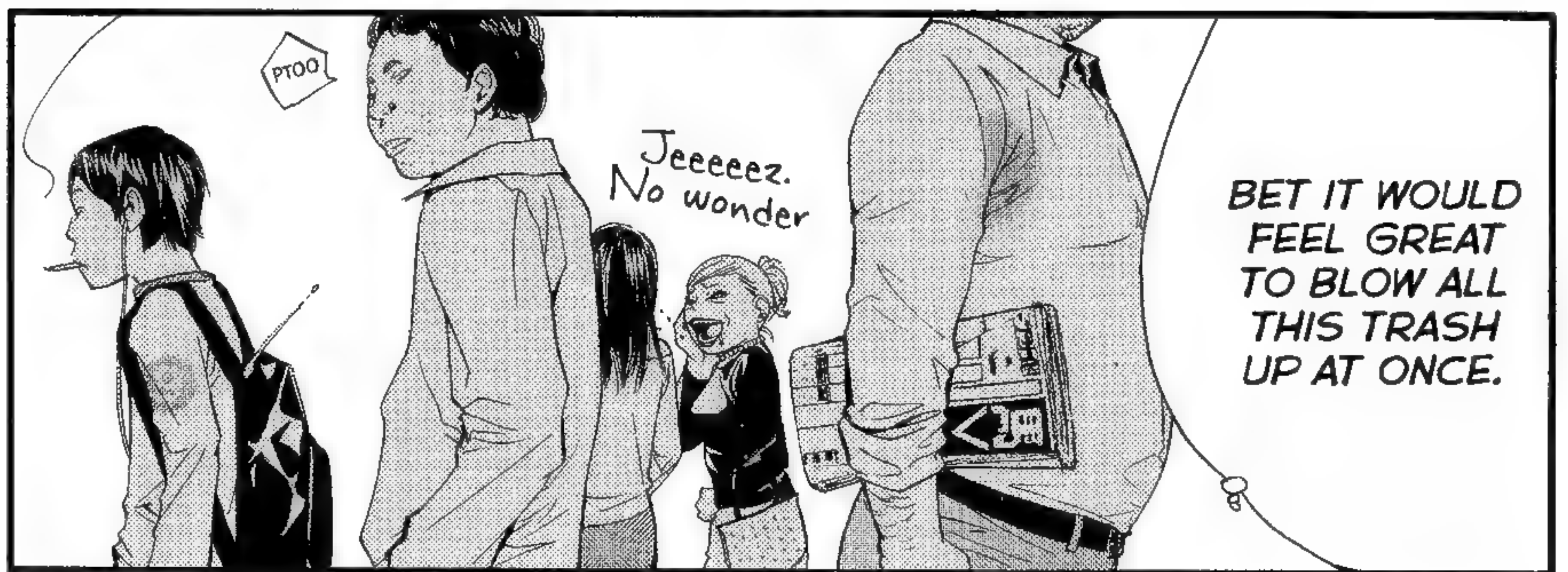
RIGHT?

IT'S ONLY
RIGHT TO
CLEAN
UP AFTER
YOURSELF.



I WANNA
LEAVE
THINGS
PRETTY IN
THE END.

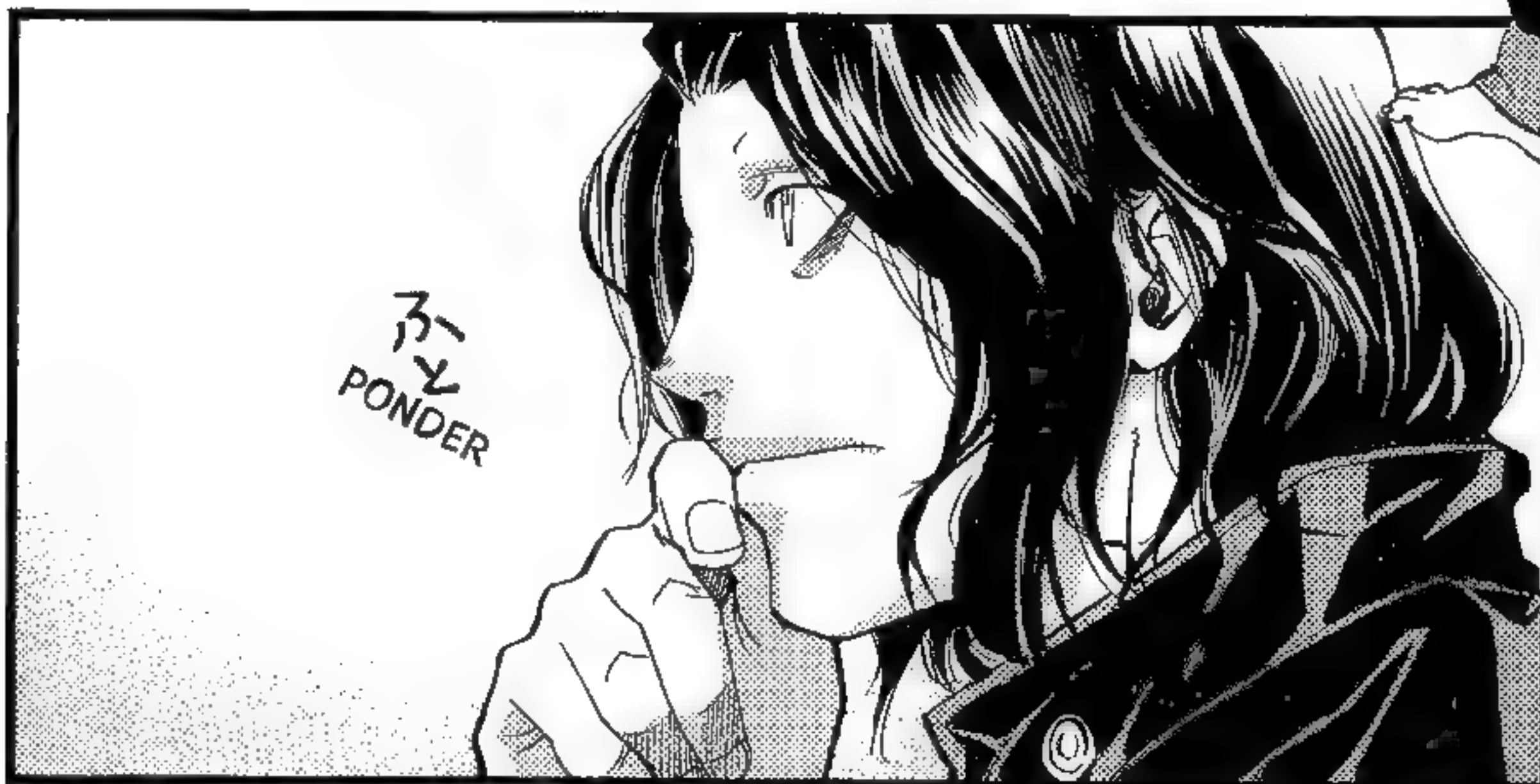






THAT WAS
ACRO'S
HEART'S
PULSE.

GUESS IT
WASN'T
MY IMAGI-
NATION,
AFTER
ALL.



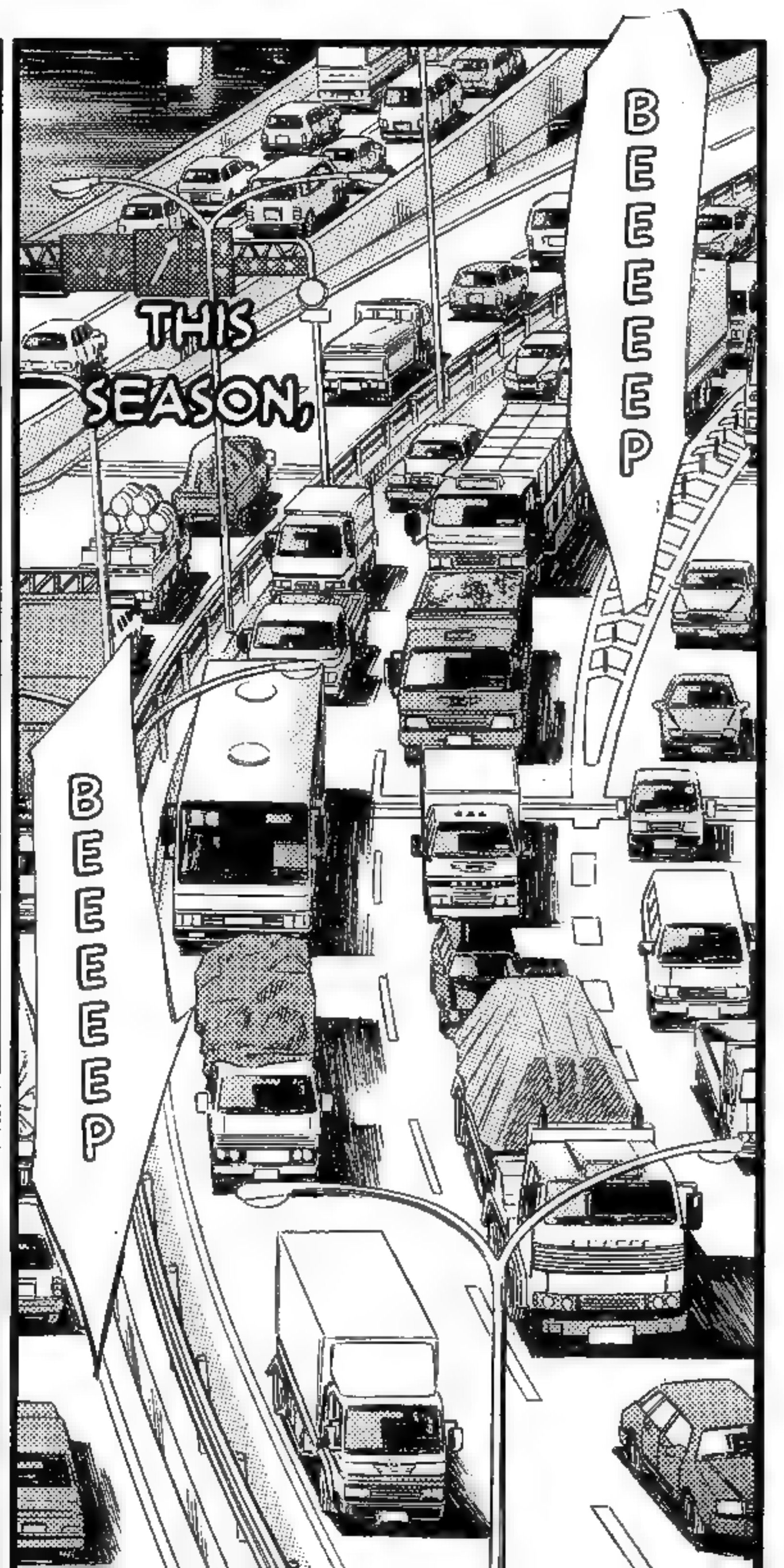
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PONDER

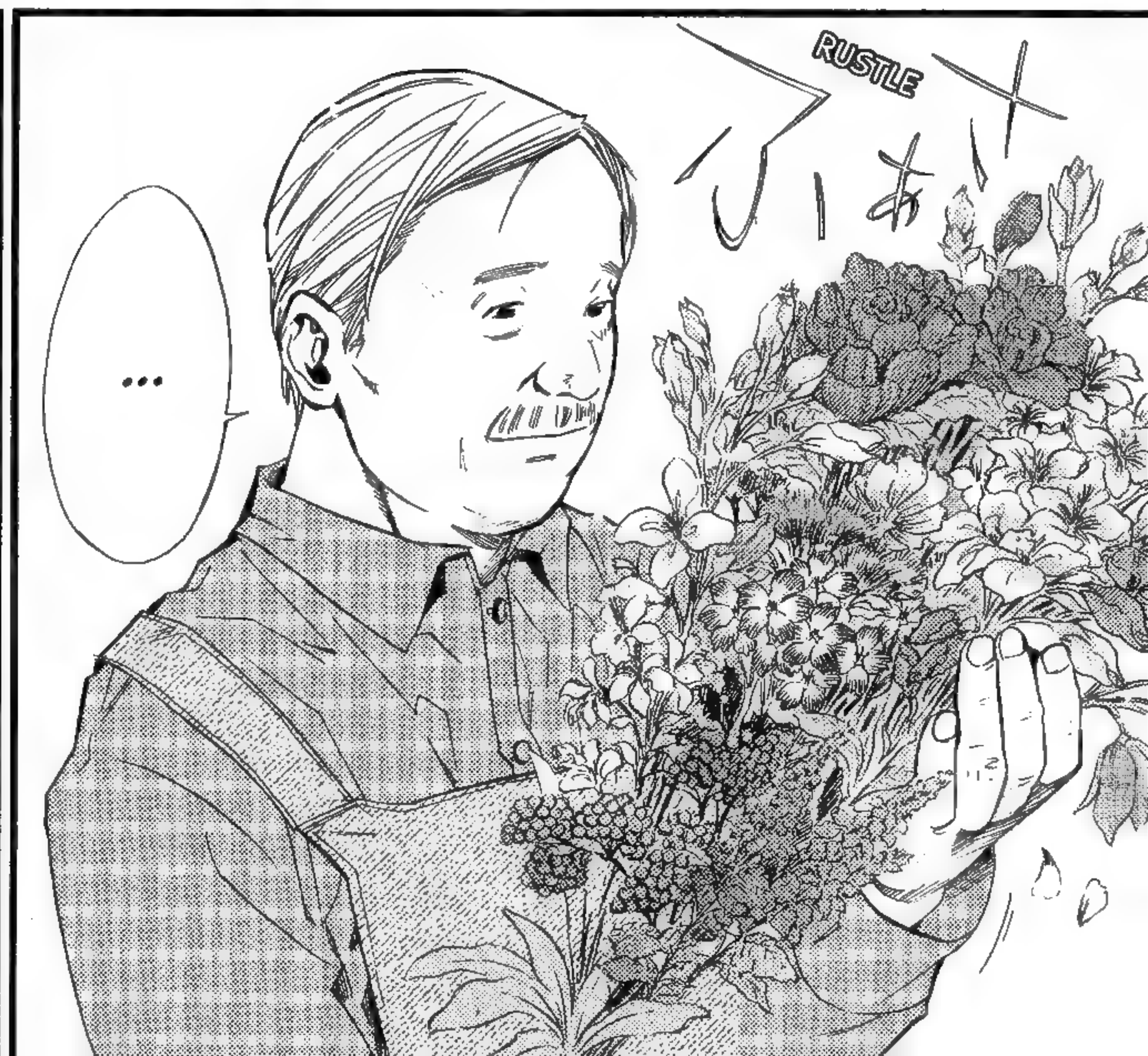
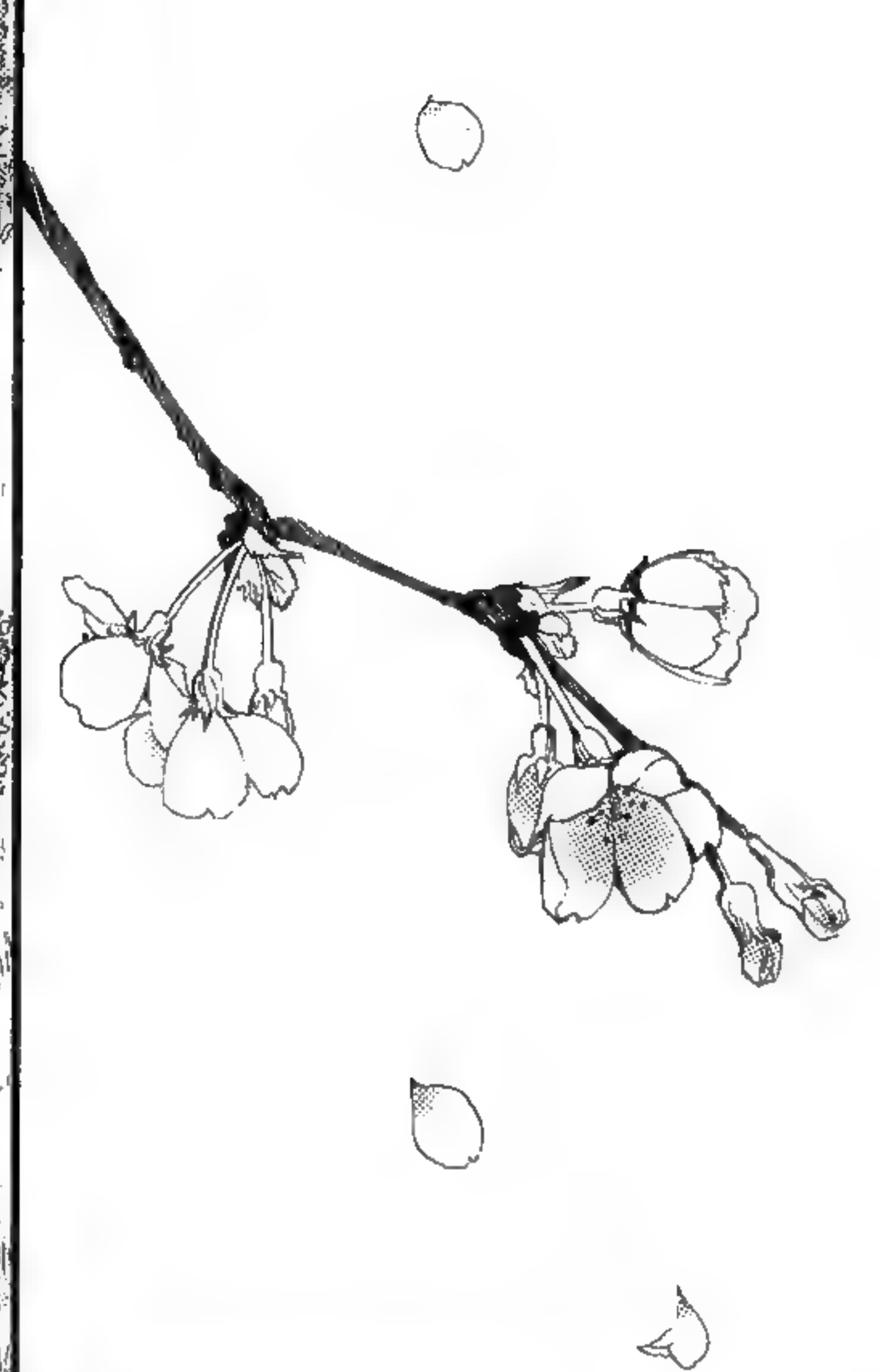
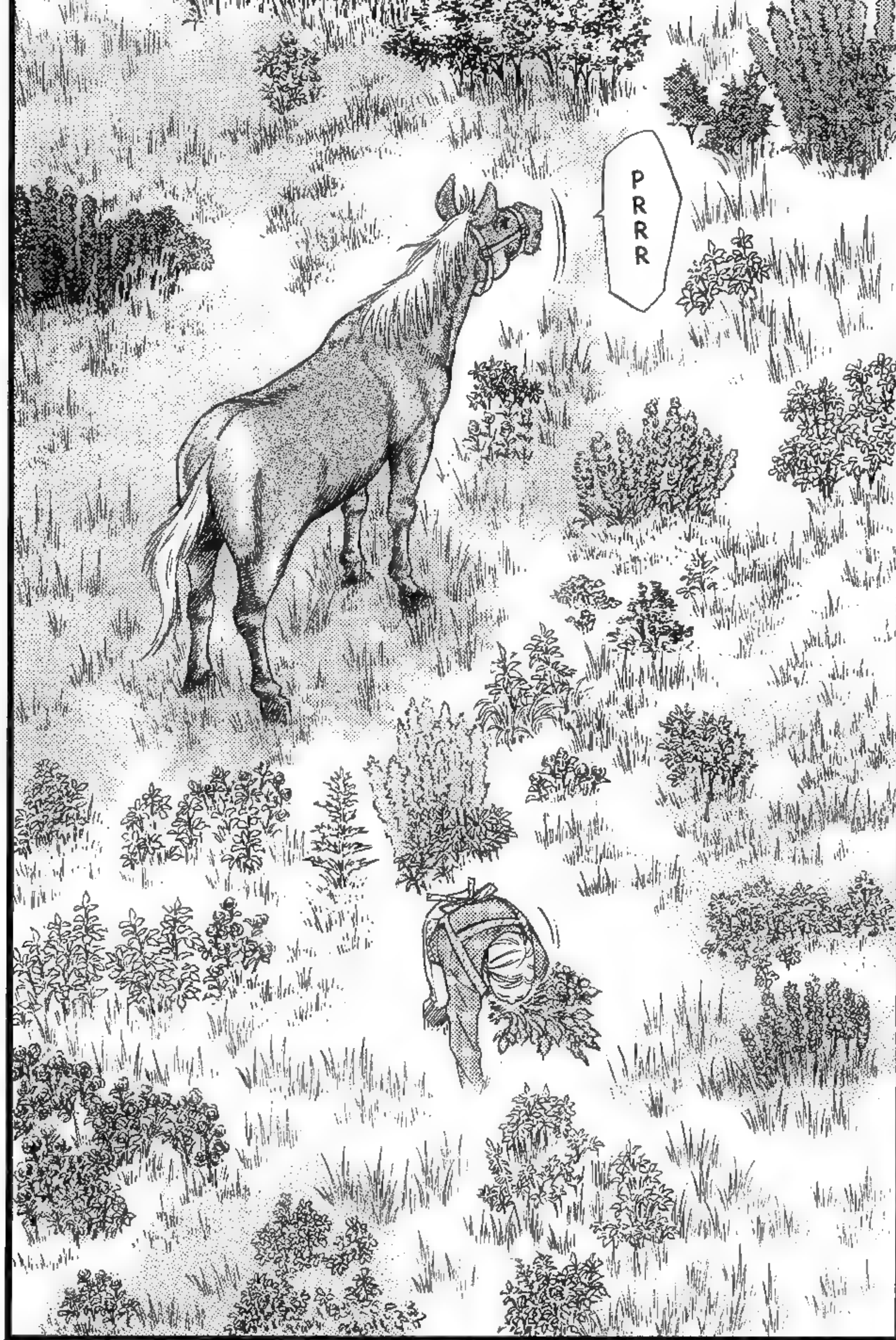


THAT
UNRIVALED
BEAUTY...

IF IT IS,
MAYBE I'LL
GET TO SEE
IT AGAIN.

IS ACRO'S
HEART STILL
ALIVE...?







KNOWING FULL
WELL THEIR
PETALS WILL
BE SCATTERED
TO THE WIND
AGAIN,



FLOWERS
BOOM
ONCE
MORE.

welcome

ライオンハウス
リズランズ実務

and then, 16 months later...

ALIVE

THE FINAL EVOLUTION

We are alive on this planet, and they arrived...

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CHAPTER 36

Still Alive

While there's life, there's hope

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CHAPTER 37

I Know

*Any change is accompanied by drawbacks
and discomforts.*

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CHAPTER 38

Miss Him?

Man knows so much and does so little.

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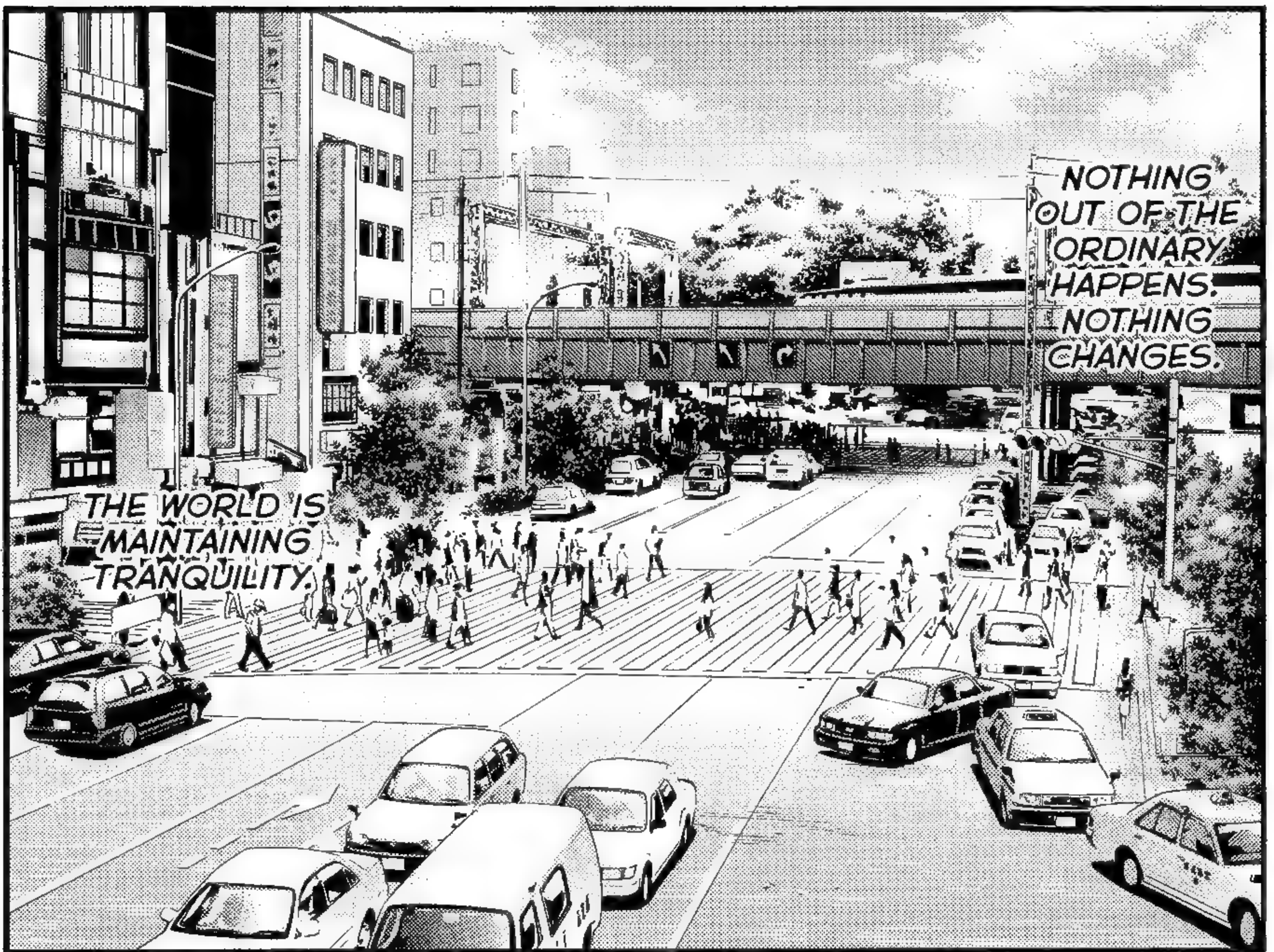


ALIVE

We are alive on this planet, and they arrived... THE FINAL EVOLUTION



IT'S BEEN
TWO YEARS
SINCE THE
ERUPTION.



EVERY DAY IS
PEACEFUL...



PUNT

YUTAAAA!

HEADS
UP!

YOINK!

AH...

Chapter 36

Still Alive

While there's life, there's hope.





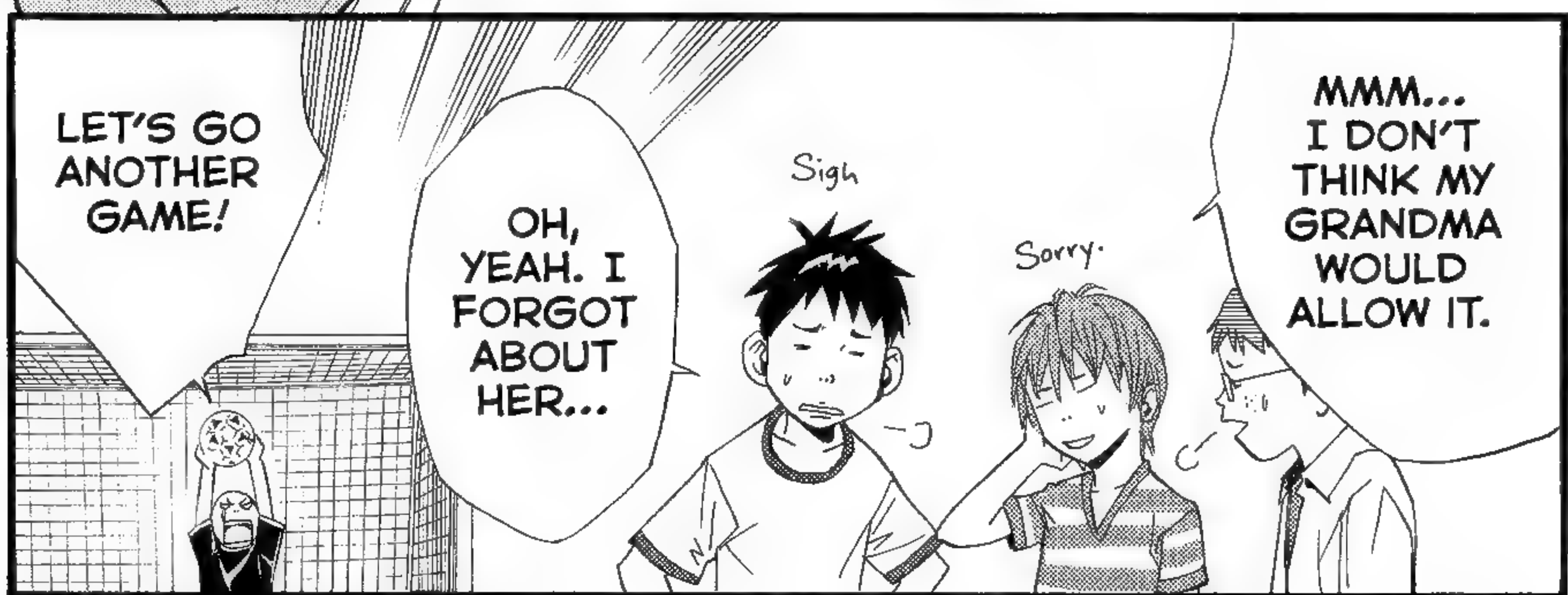
HE-
HE...

PSHH

WE
WON!

MAN,
YOU'RE
AMAZING,
YUTA!

YOU SHOULD
JOIN OUR
SOCCER
TEAM!



LET'S GO
ANOTHER
GAME!

OH,
YEAH. I
FORGOT
ABOUT
HER...

Sigh

Sorry.

MMM...
I DON'T
THINK MY
GRANDMA
WOULD
ALLOW IT.

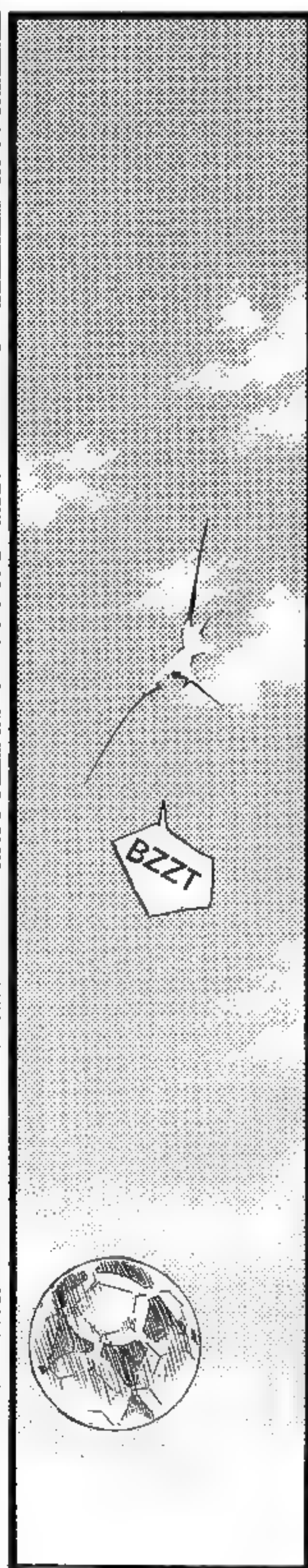


BUT EVER
SINCE I
GOT MY
POWERS,
MY BODY
HAS FELT
LIGHTER.

I WAS
NEVER
THAT
GOOD AT
SPORTS,



SOMEONE
BLOCK
YUTA!



NOT THAT I'LL
EVER USE THAT
POWER AGAIN.

EVERYTHING IS
PEACEFUL...

SNAP



YOU'RE STILL
GOING ON
ABOUT THAT,
OKADA?

WHEN WE GET
MARRIED, I'LL
BE KURUMI
TAKIZAWA.



I'VE
ALREADY
DONE THE
RESEARCH.

WE'RE
DESTINED
FOR EACH
OTHER!



YUTA
TAKIZAWA...



INTELLIGENT
AND ATHLETIC,
HE'S A
POPULAR BOY
AROUND THE
NEIGHBOR-
HOOD.

YUTA
TAKIZAWA.
BORN
NOVEMBER 7,
SCORPIO,
BLOOD
TYPE B.

FLAP
7077

Yuta Takizawa-kun
Profile
Birthday 7/11 Scorpio
Blood type B
Height 140.8 cm
Shoe size 24 cm
Weight 34.7 kg
Intelligent and Athletic
POPULAR!!!



HE WAS TAKEN
IN BY HIS
MOM'S FAMILY
AFTER SHE
DIED TWO
YEARS AGO.

HE LIVES
WITH HIS
GRAND-
PARENTS
NOW.

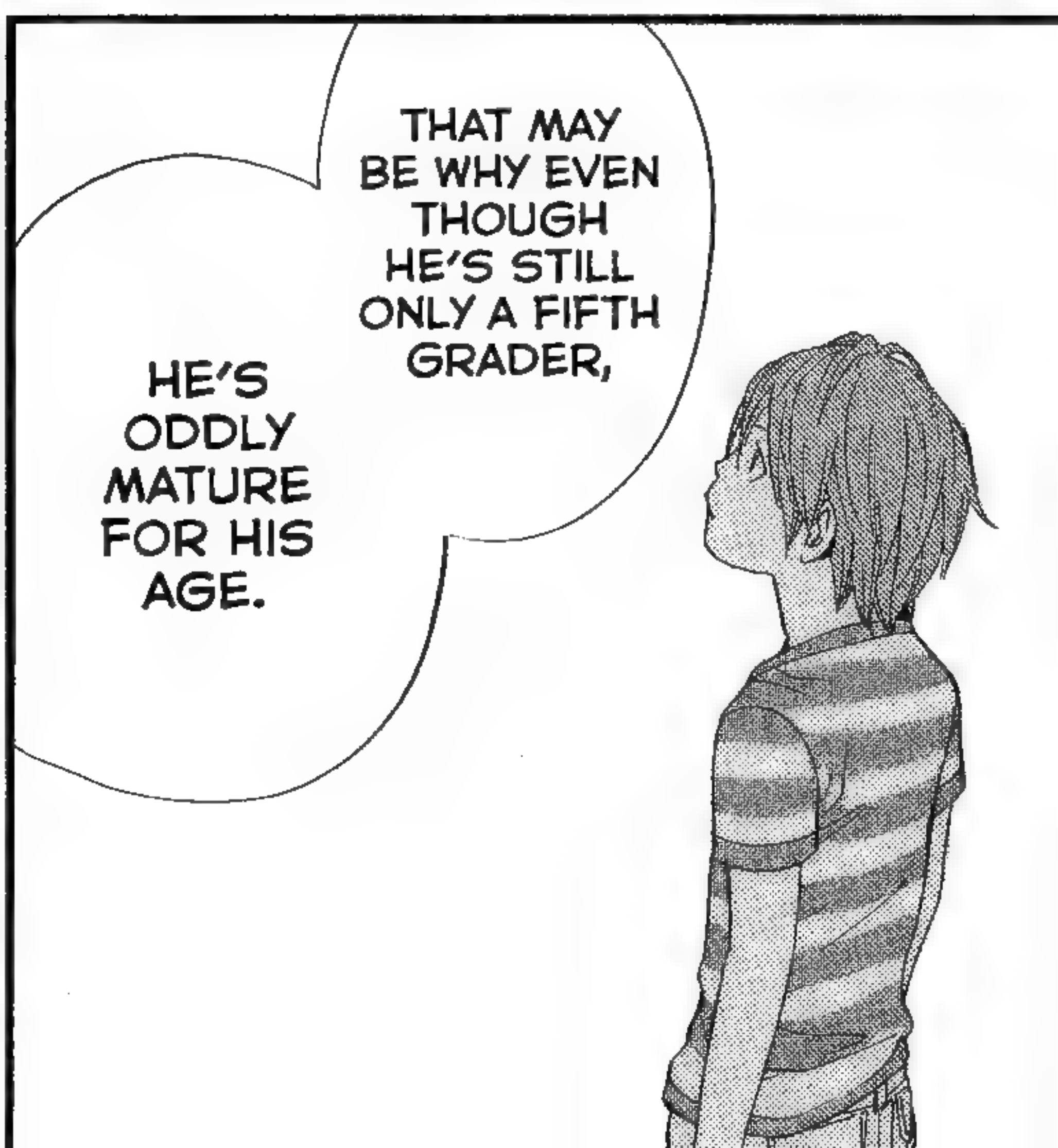
BUT
HIS FAMILY
SITUATION'S
A BIT COM-
PLICATED.



YOU
FOLLOWED
HIM HOME?

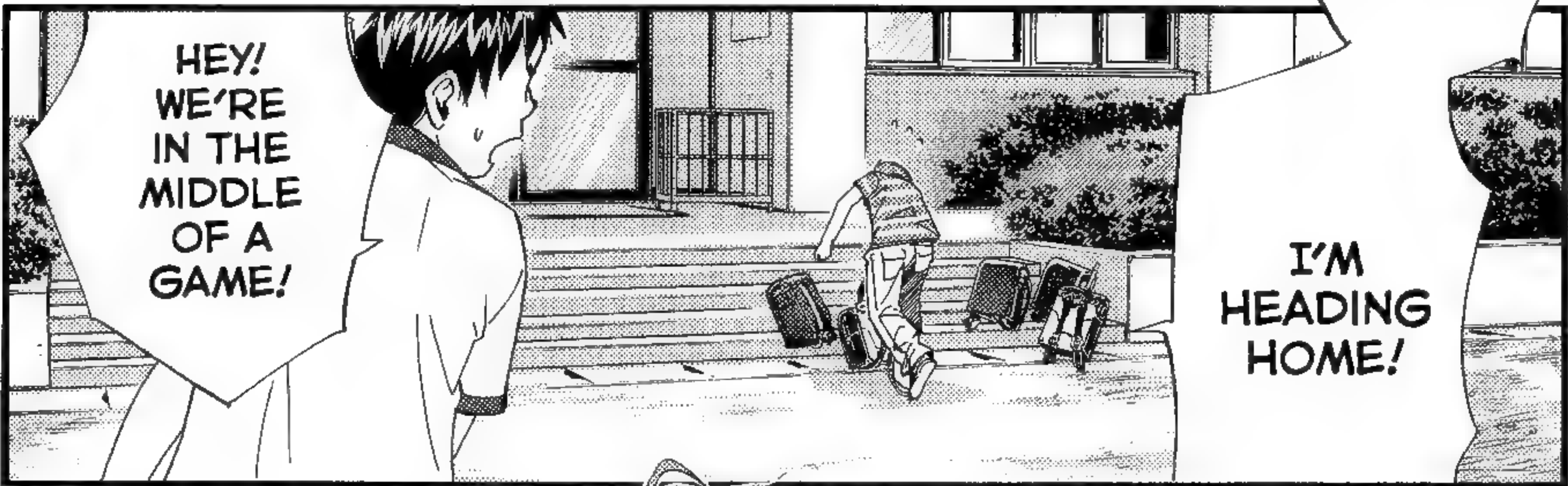
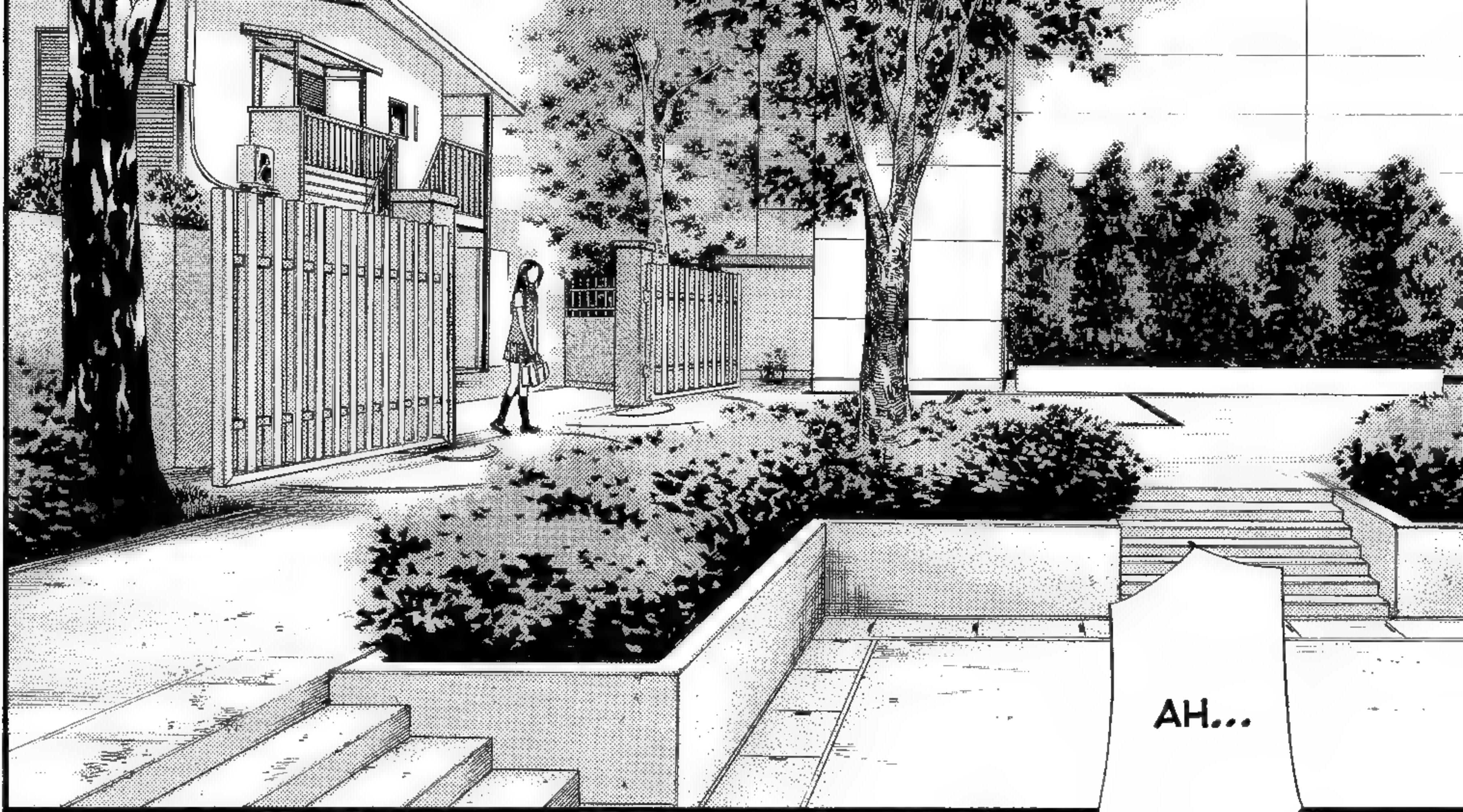
Scary...

SOMEDAY,
THAT
PROPERTY
WILL BE
MINE, TOO.



THAT MAY
BE WHY EVEN
THOUGH
HE'S STILL
ONLY A FIFTH
GRADER,

HE'S
ODDLY
MATURE
FOR HIS
AGE.





YUTA-KUN'S LEAVING!

AFTER HIM!

HE'S ALL ALONE!



DATE?!
DATE?!
DATE?!

A SPECIAL DAY?

D-DO YOU HAVE A DATE?



WAIT!

SNAP



DAZE

WHO'S THAT?!



NAMI NEE-CHAN!



HE-HE. YOU
NOTICED?

YOU
GREW A
LITTLE.

WE...

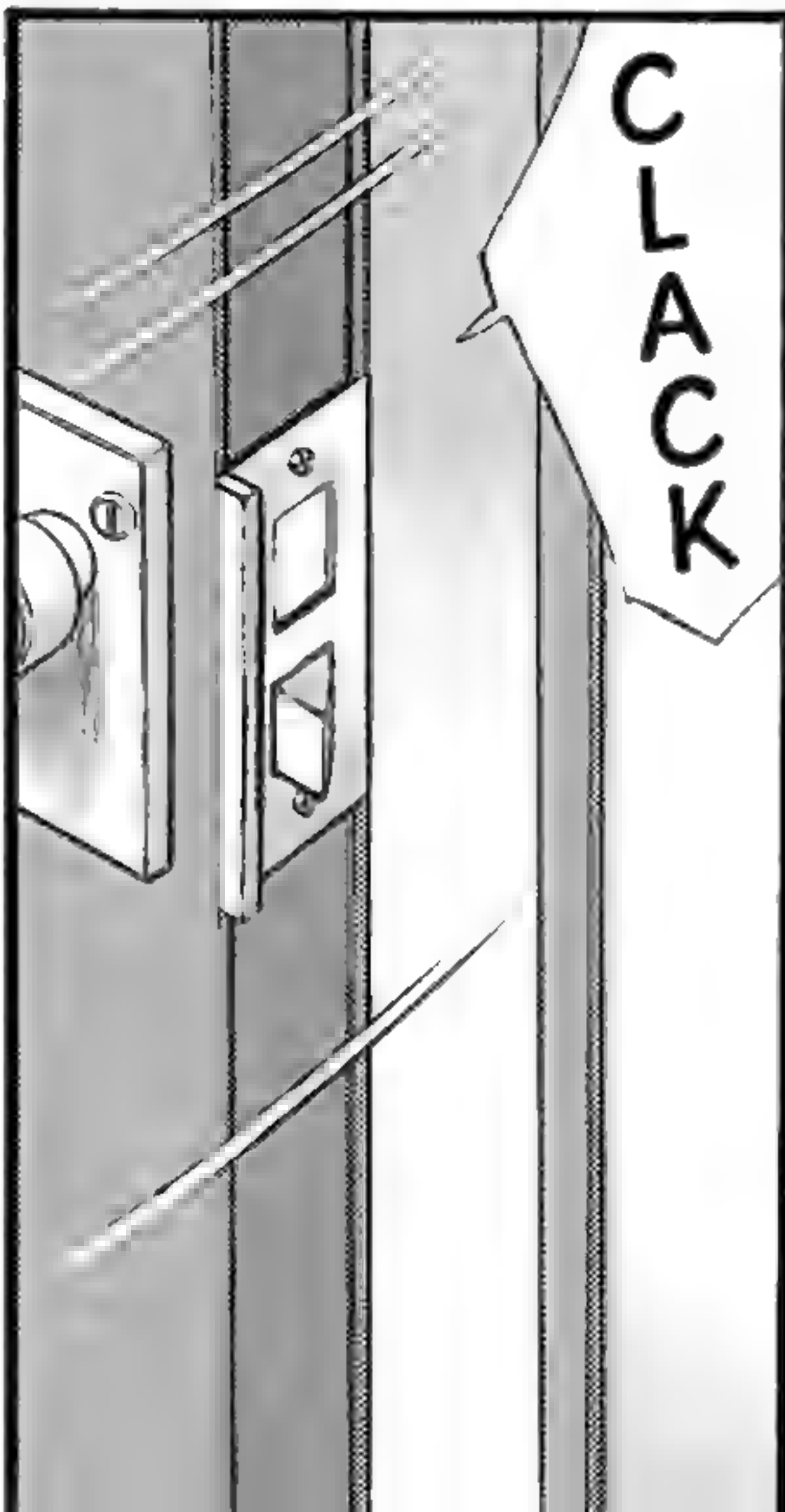
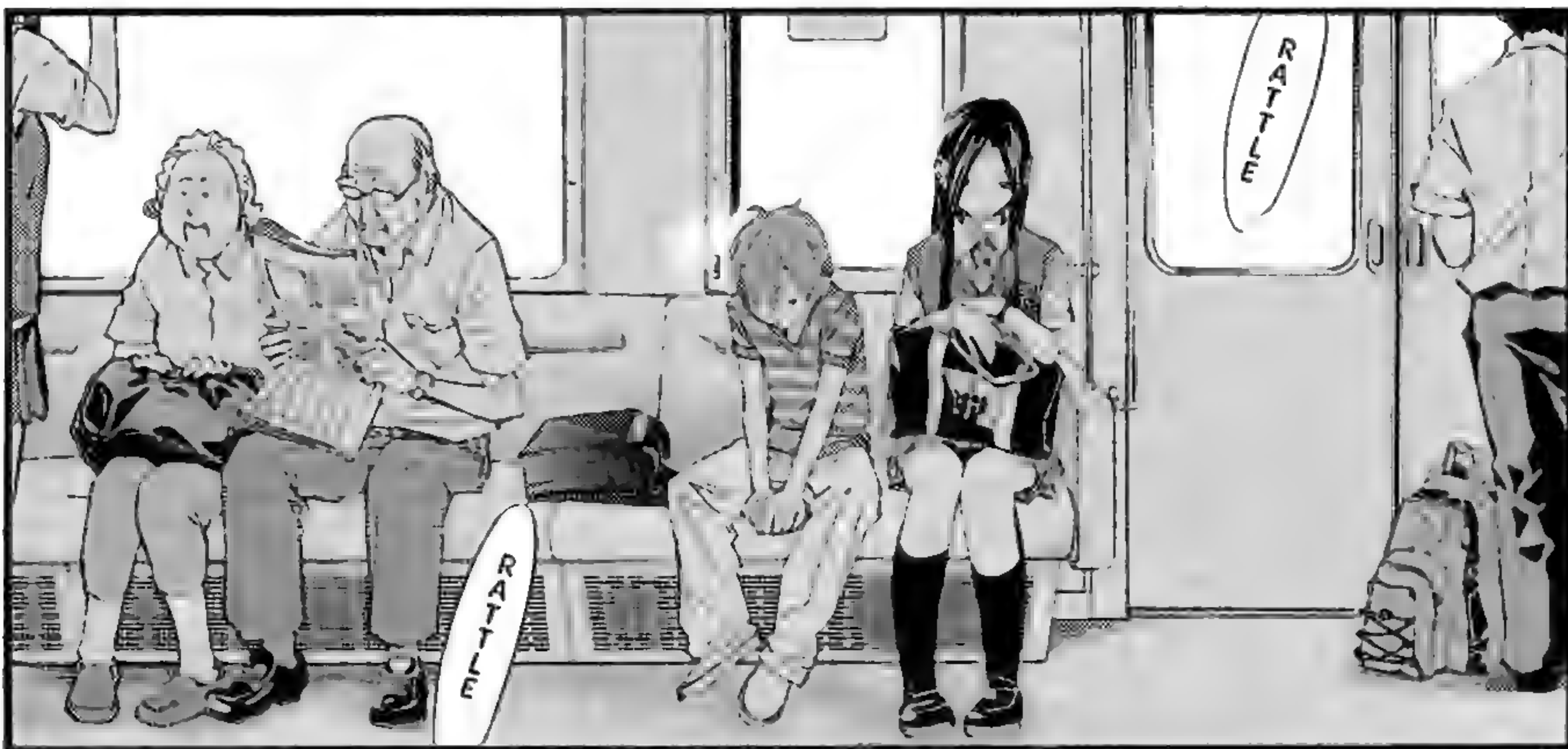
THE
ONLY
GIRL-
FRIEND
WE NEED
IS THE
BALL!

WE'LL
AIM
FOR
THE
WORLD
CUP,
BOYS!

HAIL
SATAN!

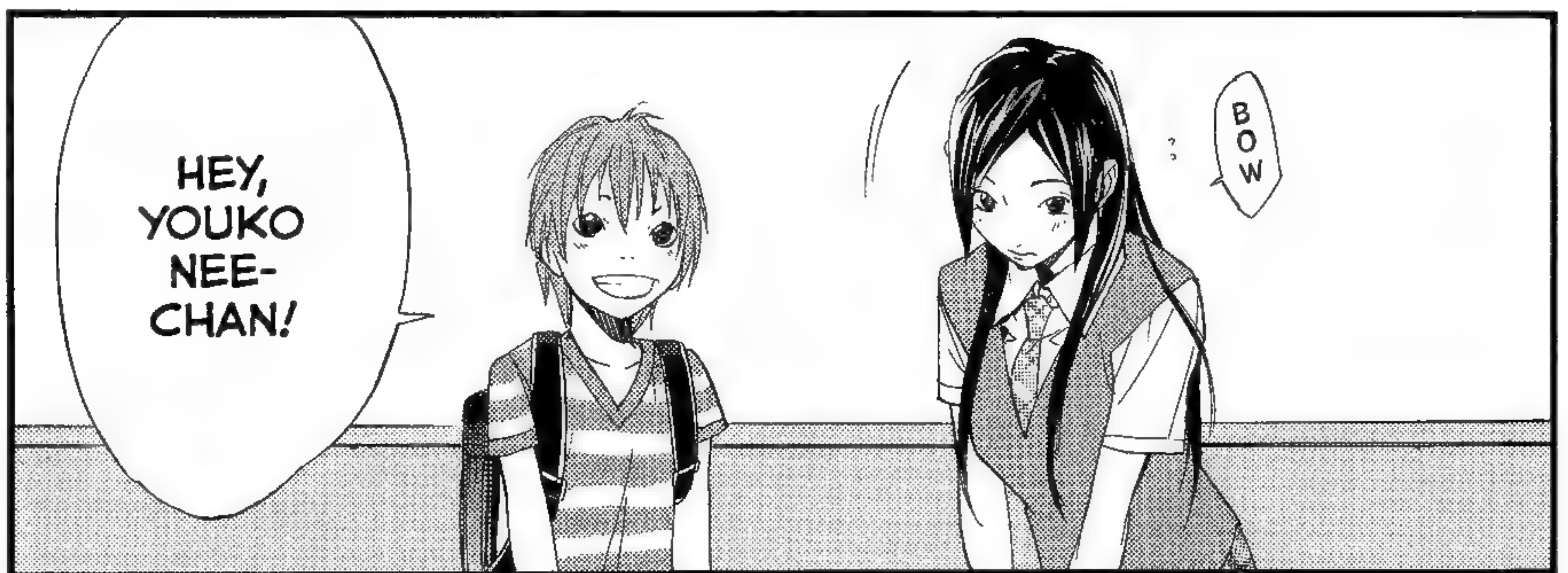
HAIL
SATAN!

ACCORDING
TO THE
TOME, THE
ITEMS
NEEDED
FOR A
CURSE
ARE...



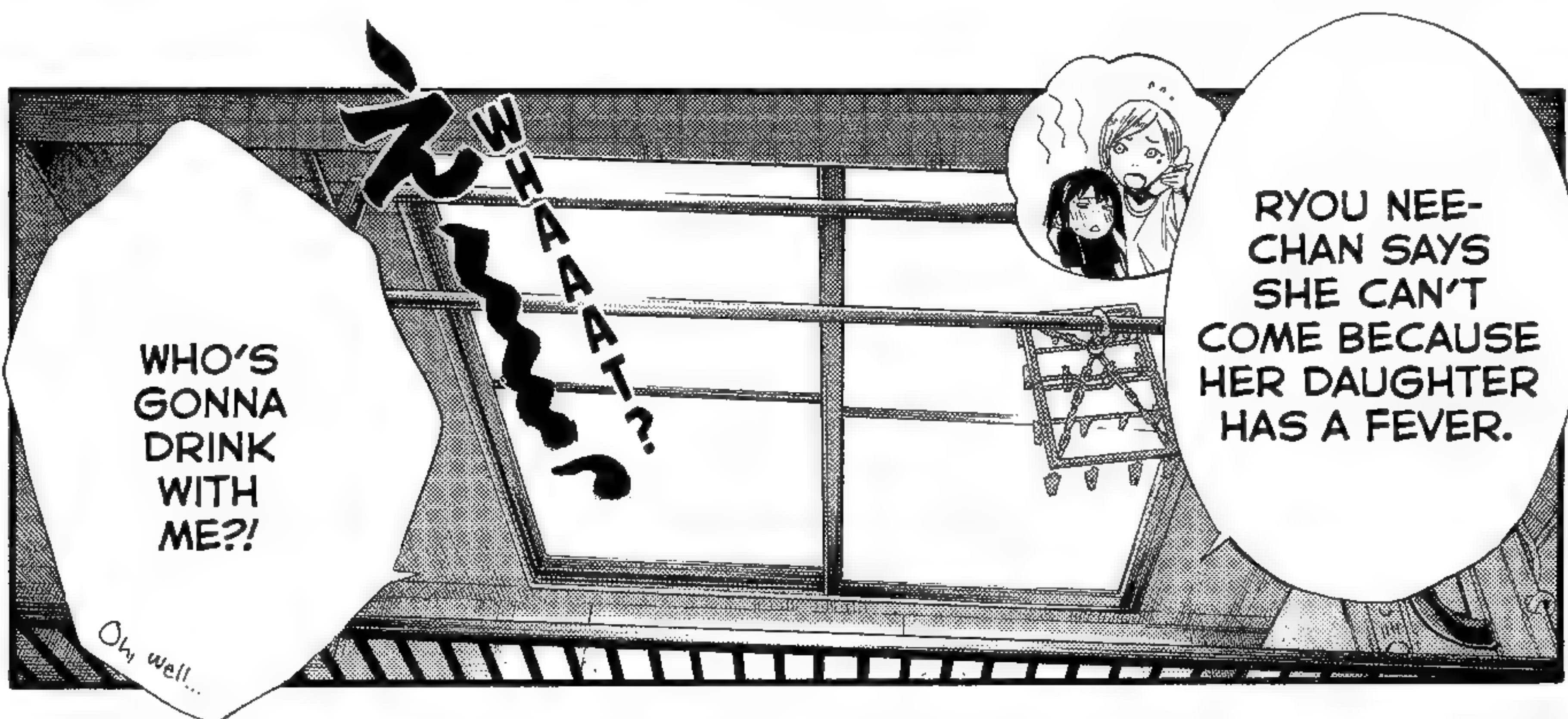
TODAY
IS A
SPECIAL
DAY.







HAPPY
BIRTHDAY,
TAISUKE.



WHO'S
GONNA
DRINK
WITH
ME?!

Oh, well...

RYOU NEE-
CHAN SAYS
SHE CAN'T
COME BECAUSE
HER DAUGHTER
HAS A FEVER.



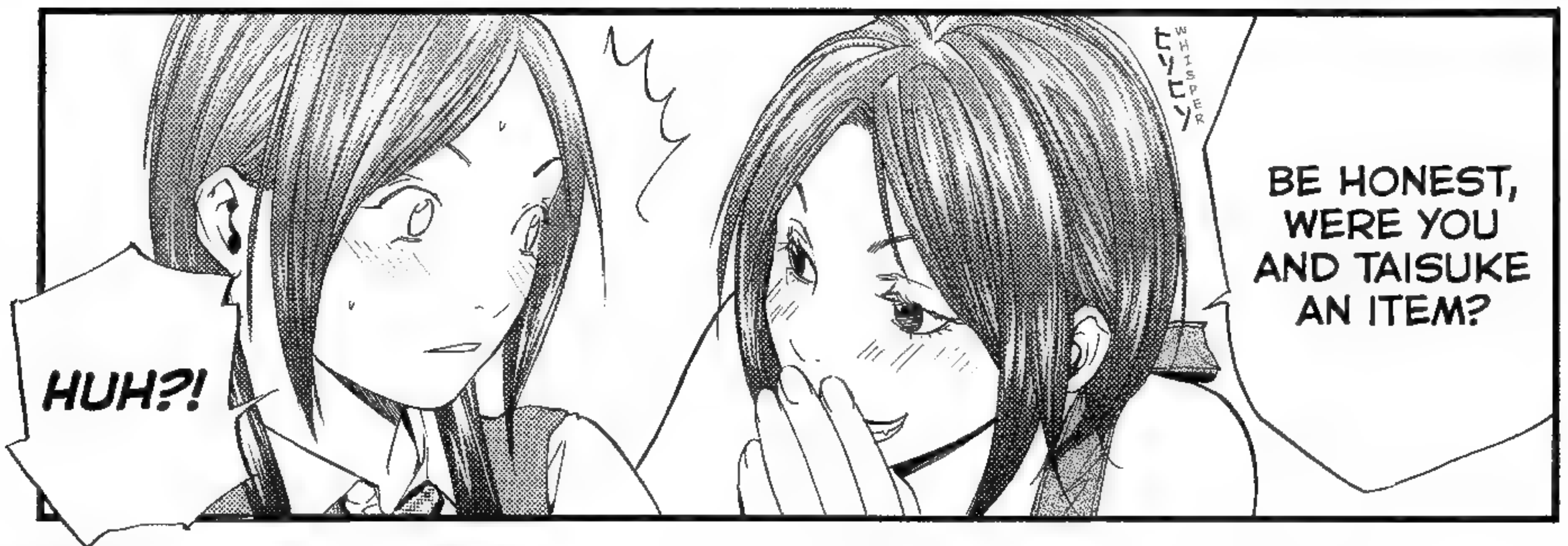
YUTA
COMES
OVER
OFTEN
SINCE HE
LIVES
NEARBY,

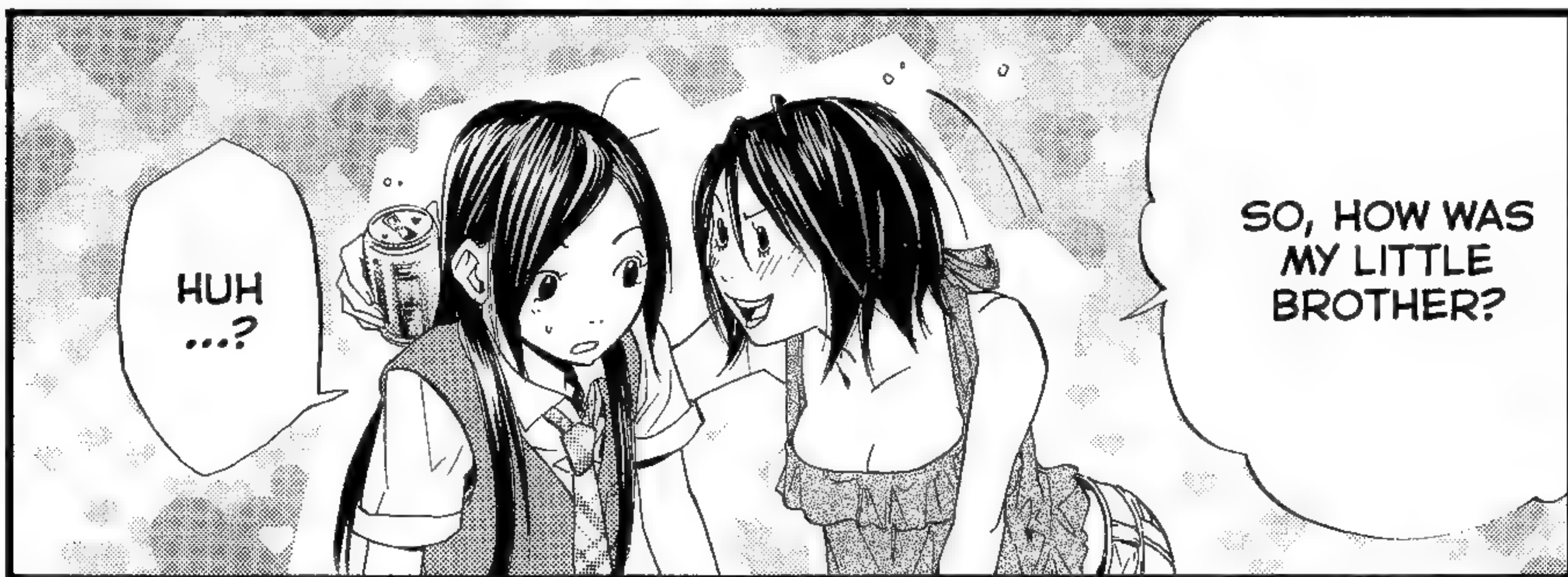
BUT I
HAVEN'T
SEEN YOU
IN A YEAR!

NAMI-
CHAAAN!
MAKE
YOURSELF
AT HOME

DON'T WORRY!
YOUKO NEE-
CHAN IS DOING
WELL! UH-HUH.

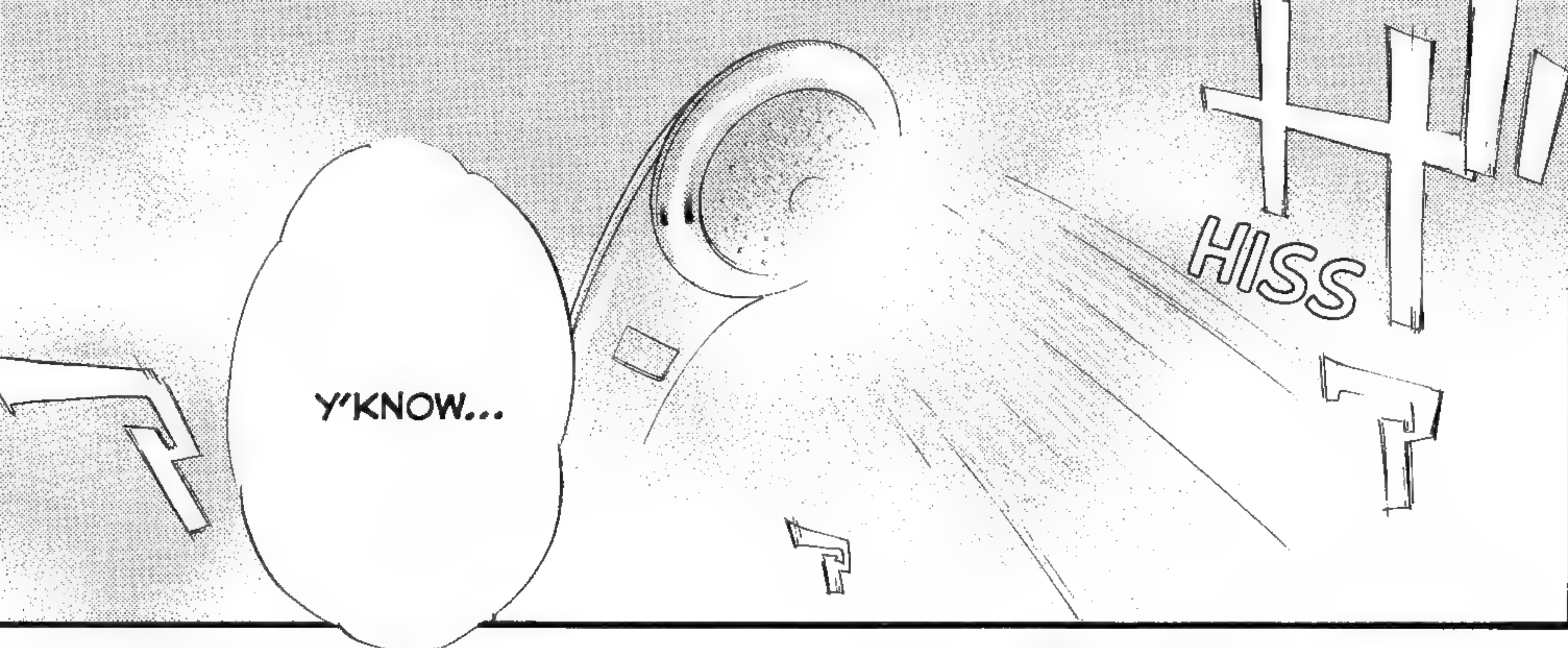
Okay. Take care.





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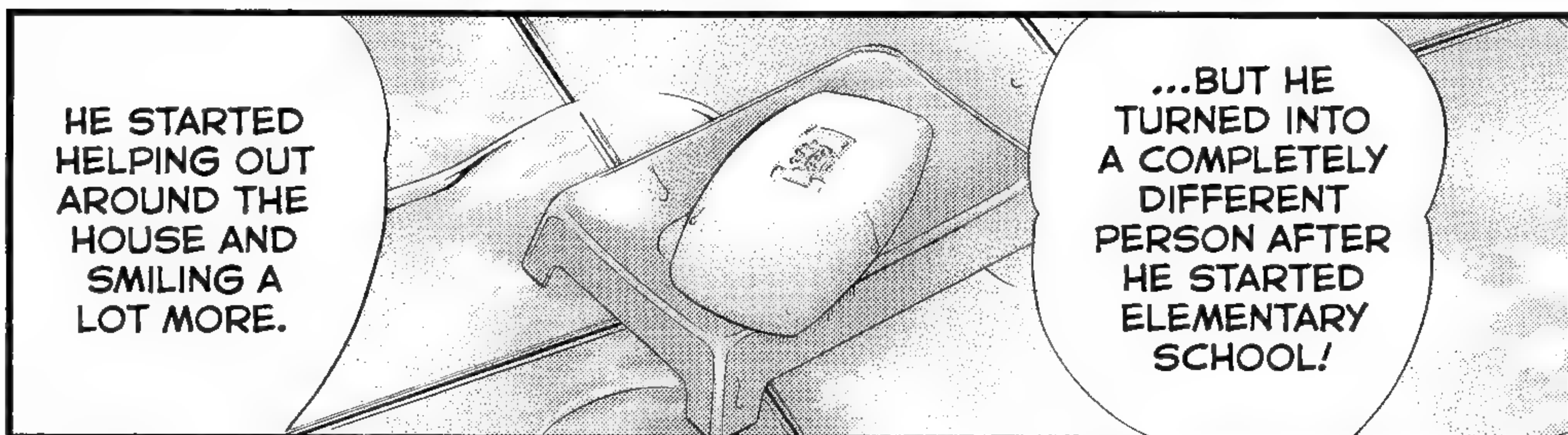






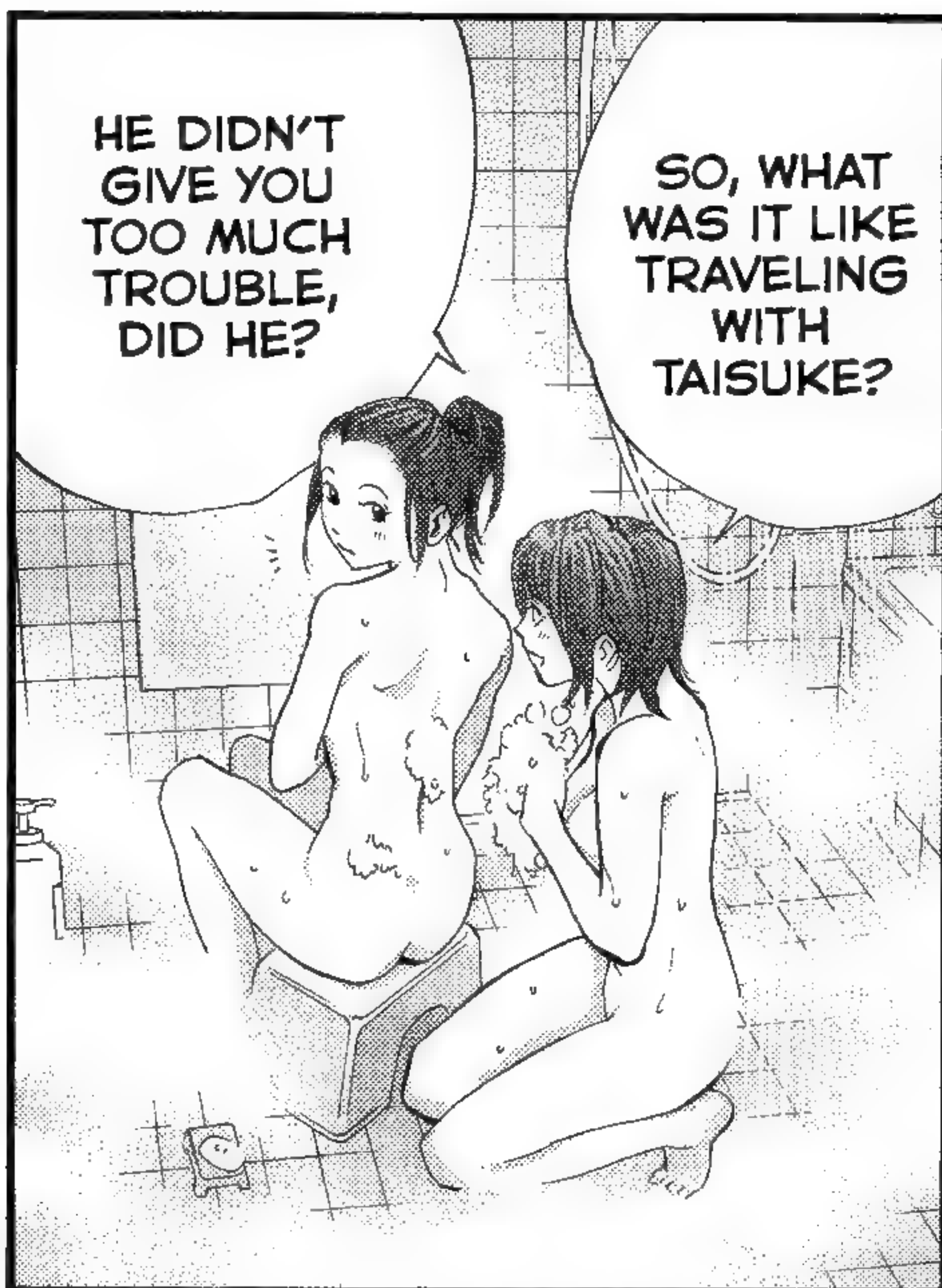
AND THINGS
WEREN'T ALL
SUNSHINE AND
RAINBOWS...

A LOT
HAP-
PENED,



HE STARTED
HELPING OUT
AROUND THE
HOUSE AND
SMILING A
LOT MORE.

...BUT HE
TURNED INTO
A COMPLETELY
DIFFERENT
PERSON AFTER
HE STARTED
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL!

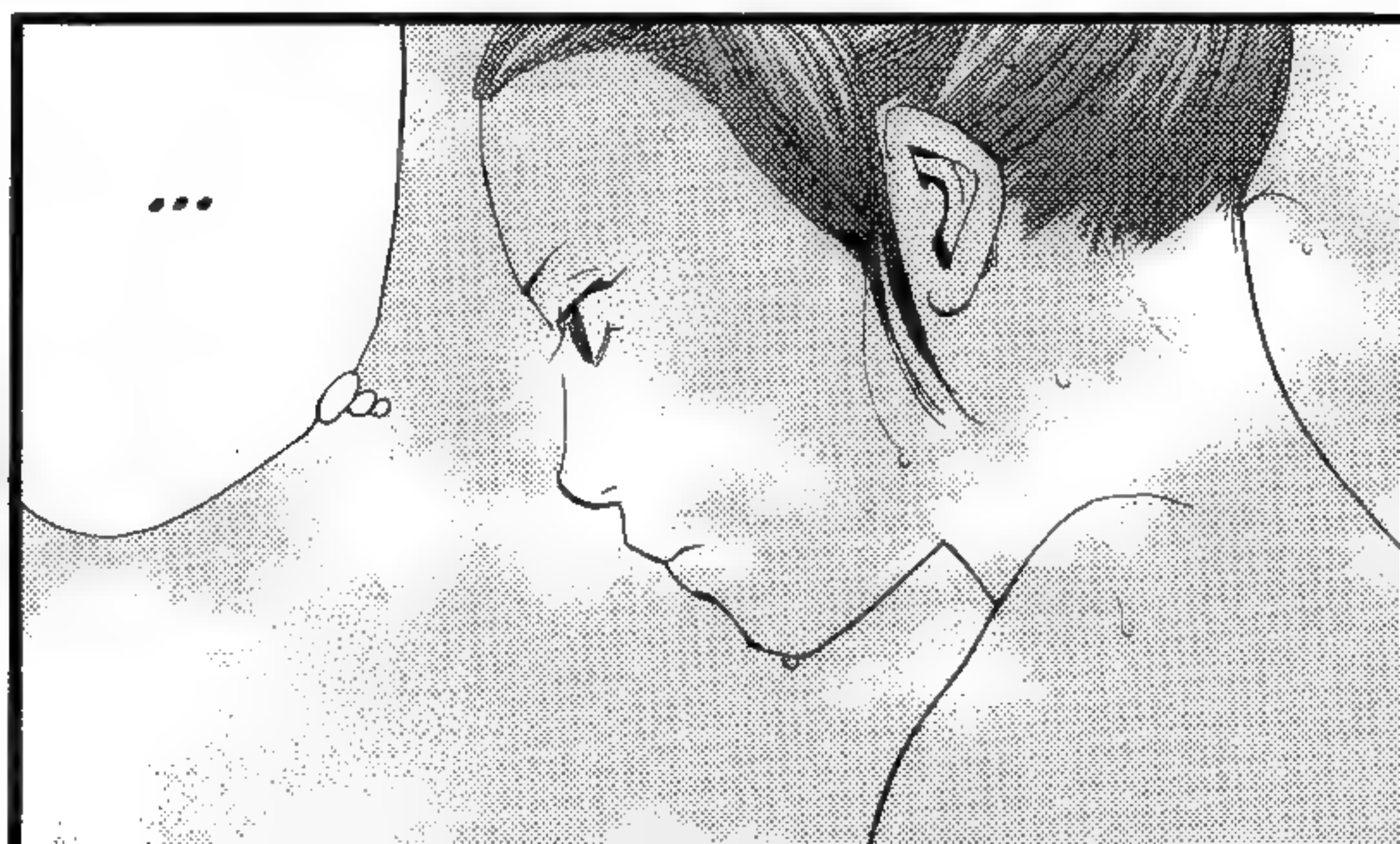


HE DIDN'T
GIVE YOU
TOO MUCH
TROUBLE,
DID HE?

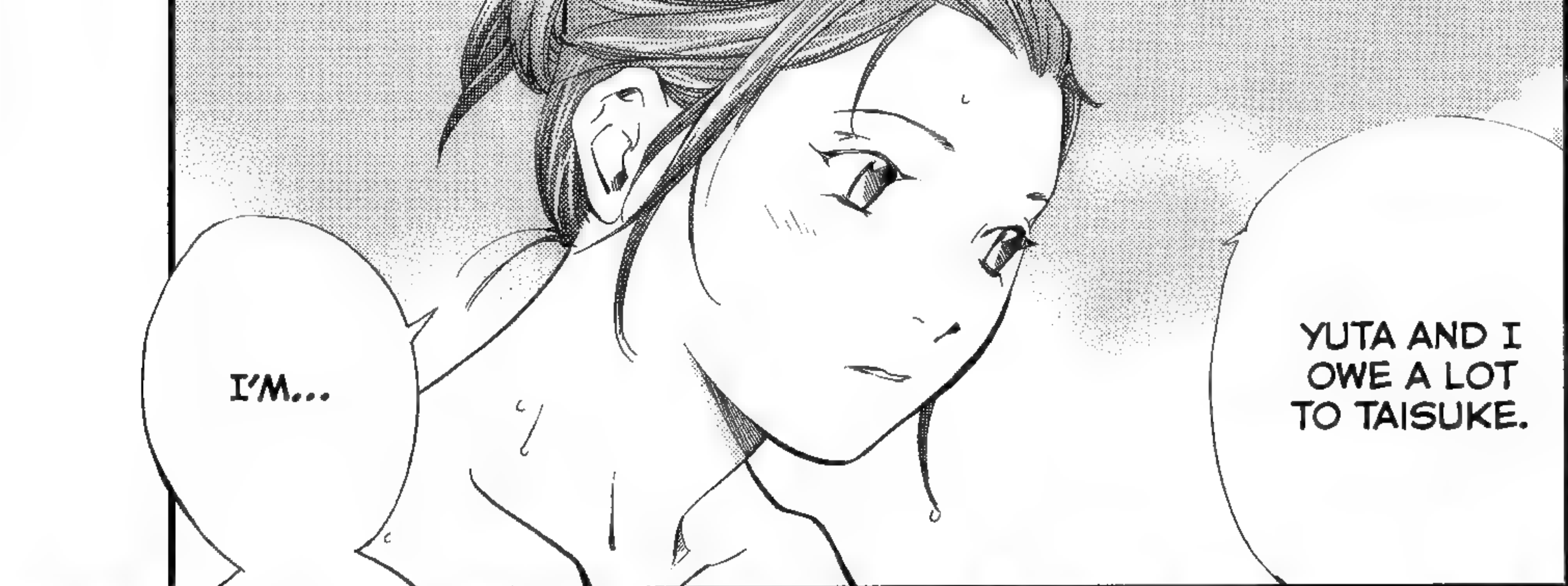
SO, WHAT
WAS IT LIKE
TRAVELING
WITH
TAISUKE?



I GUESS
HE FOUND
A REALLY
GOOD
FRIEND.



...



I'M...

YUTA AND I
OWE A LOT
TO TAISUKE.

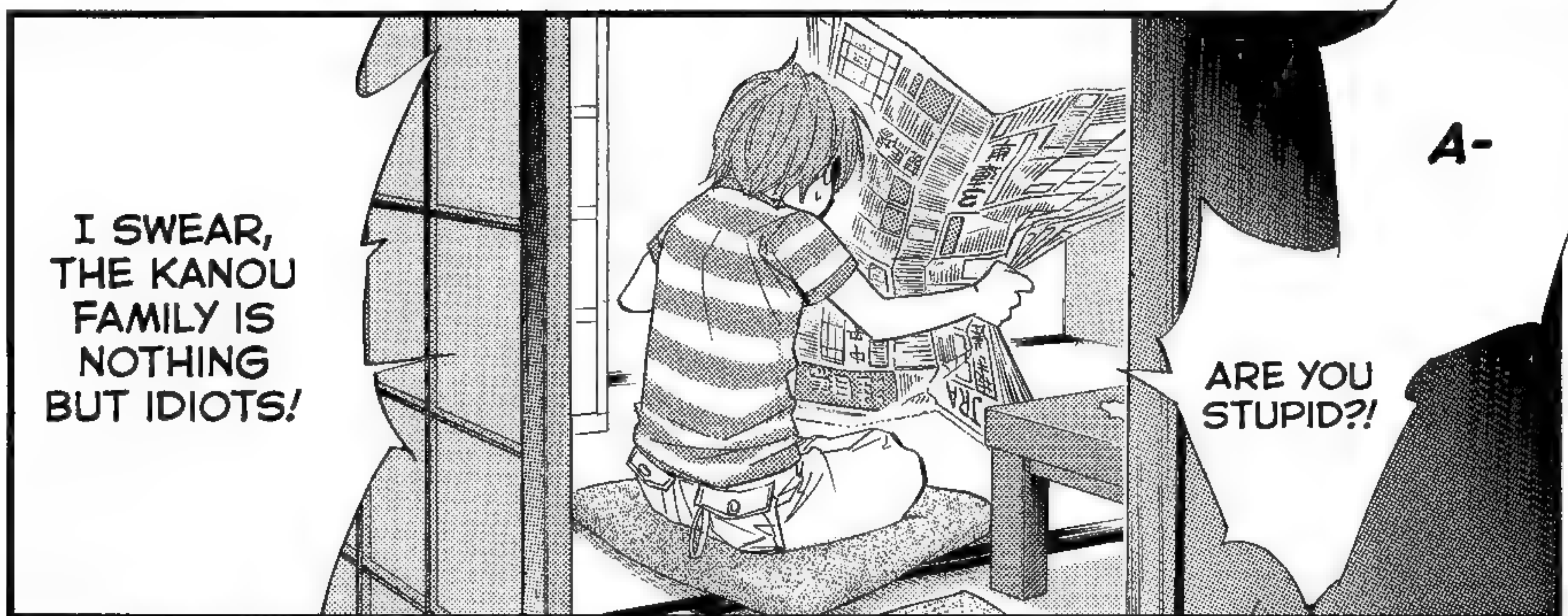


VERY
GRATEFUL.



I'M
GLAD.

YEAH?







...

TWO
YEARS
AGO...

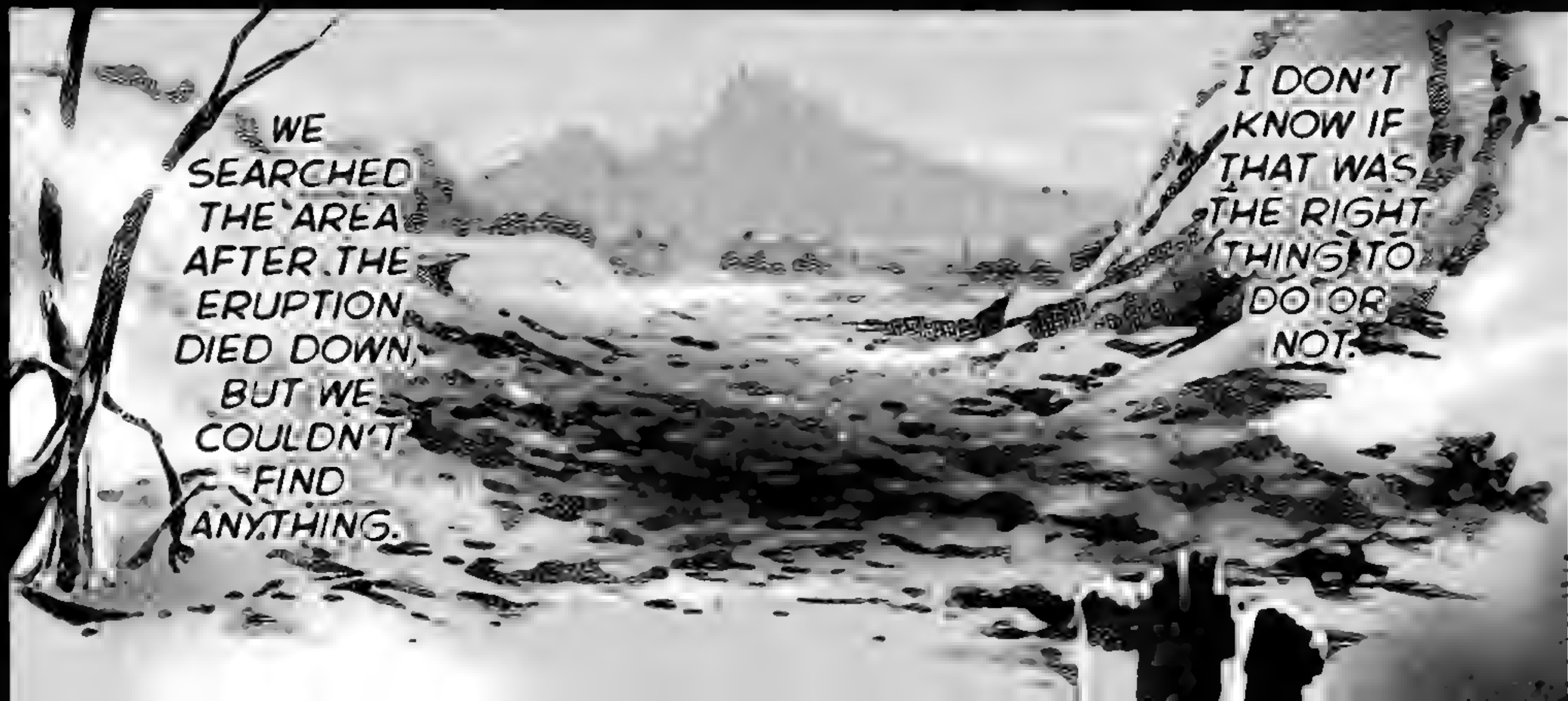


AND IT'S
ONLY BEEN
TWO YEARS,
TOO...



...WE RAN
AWAY WHILE
TAISUKE
STAYED
BEHIND.

I CAN'T
LET YOU
PASS!



WE
SEARCHED
THE AREA
AFTER THE
ERUPTION
DIED DOWN,
BUT WE
COULDN'T
FIND
ANYTHING.

I DON'T
KNOW IF
THAT WAS
THE RIGHT
THING TO
DO OR
NOT.



ALL
THAT
WAS
LEFT
WAS...



BOTH
TAISUKE...

...AND
THOSE TWO
WERE GONE
WITHOUT A
TRACE.



IT WAS
ON THE
GROUND
NEAR AN
EXPLODED
CAR.

HIS ADDRESS
WAS WRITTEN
ON IT, SO...



...
CAME TO
DELIVER
THIS?

Y-YOU...





TAISUKE...

TA-

UMM...



THANK
YOU FOR
TELLING
ME.

IT'S ALL
RIGHT.



I
APPRECIATE
IT.



...





...AND I WAS
TAKEN IN BY
MY MOM'S
PARENTS IN
TOKYO.

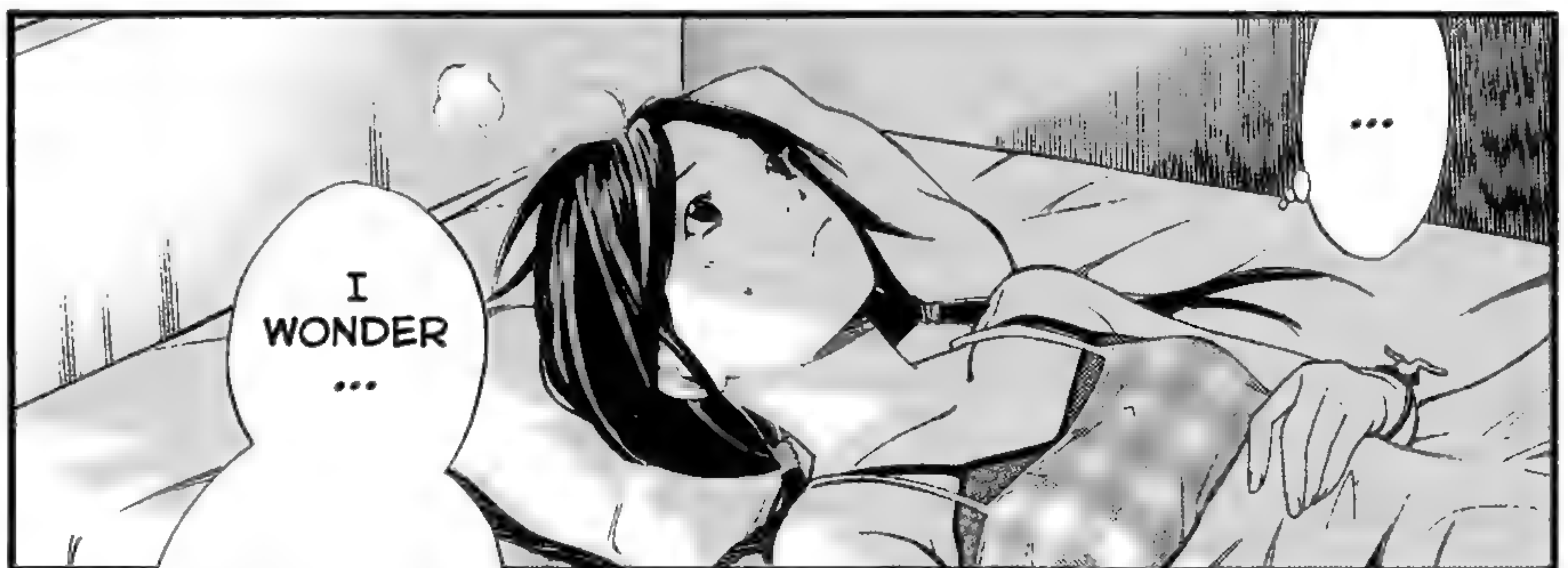
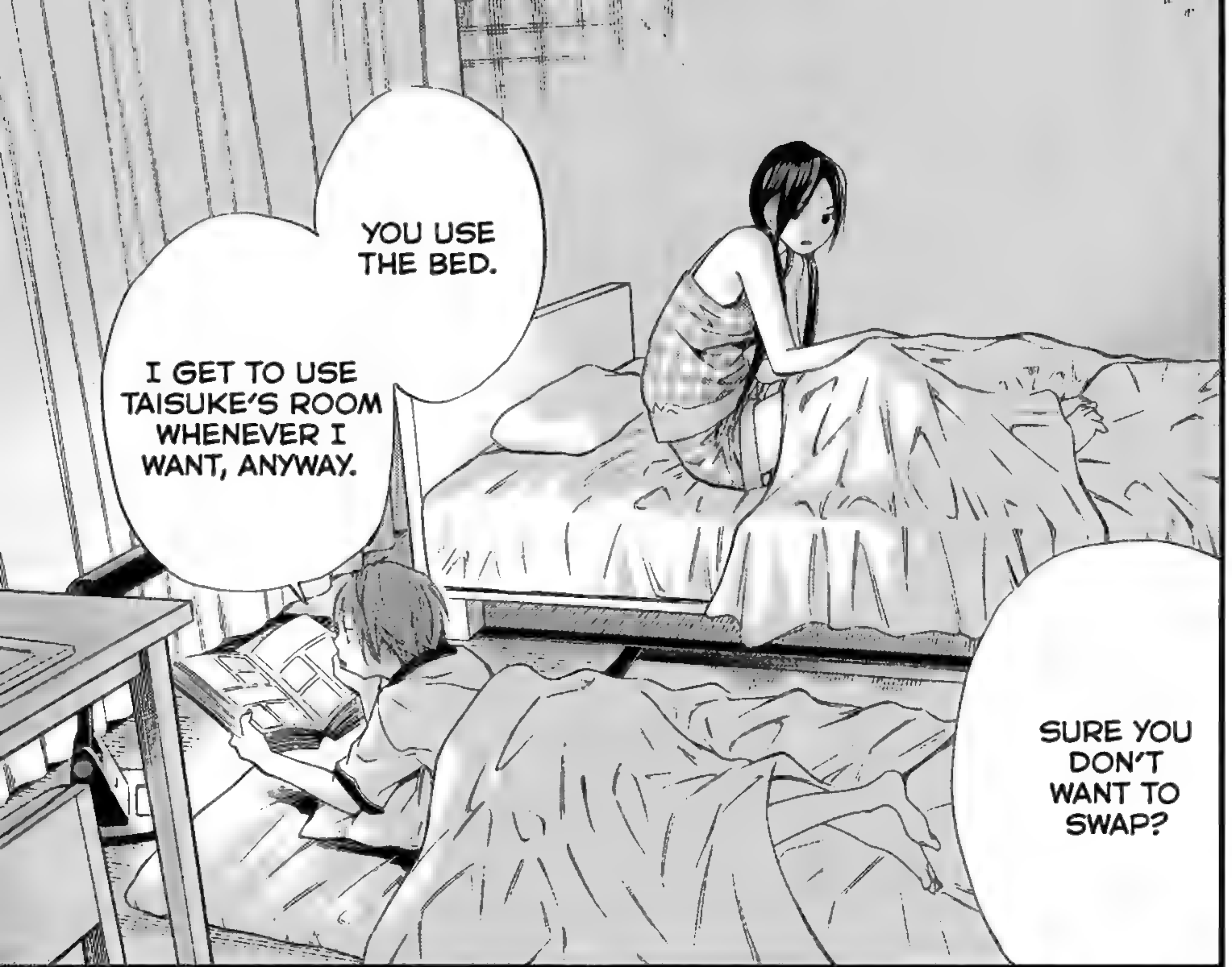


NAMI-NEE-
CHAN WENT
BACK TO
HER HOME IN
MORIOKA...



BUT
EVERYONE
GETS
TOGETHER
ONCE A YEAR
LIKE THIS TO
CELEBRATE
TAISUKE'S
BIRTHDAY.

YUTA...



THAT PULSE
IS GETTING
IN THE WAY.
I'M SURE...

THE
COMRADES
STILL HAVEN'T
FOUND WHERE
THEY BELONG
SINCE THEN.

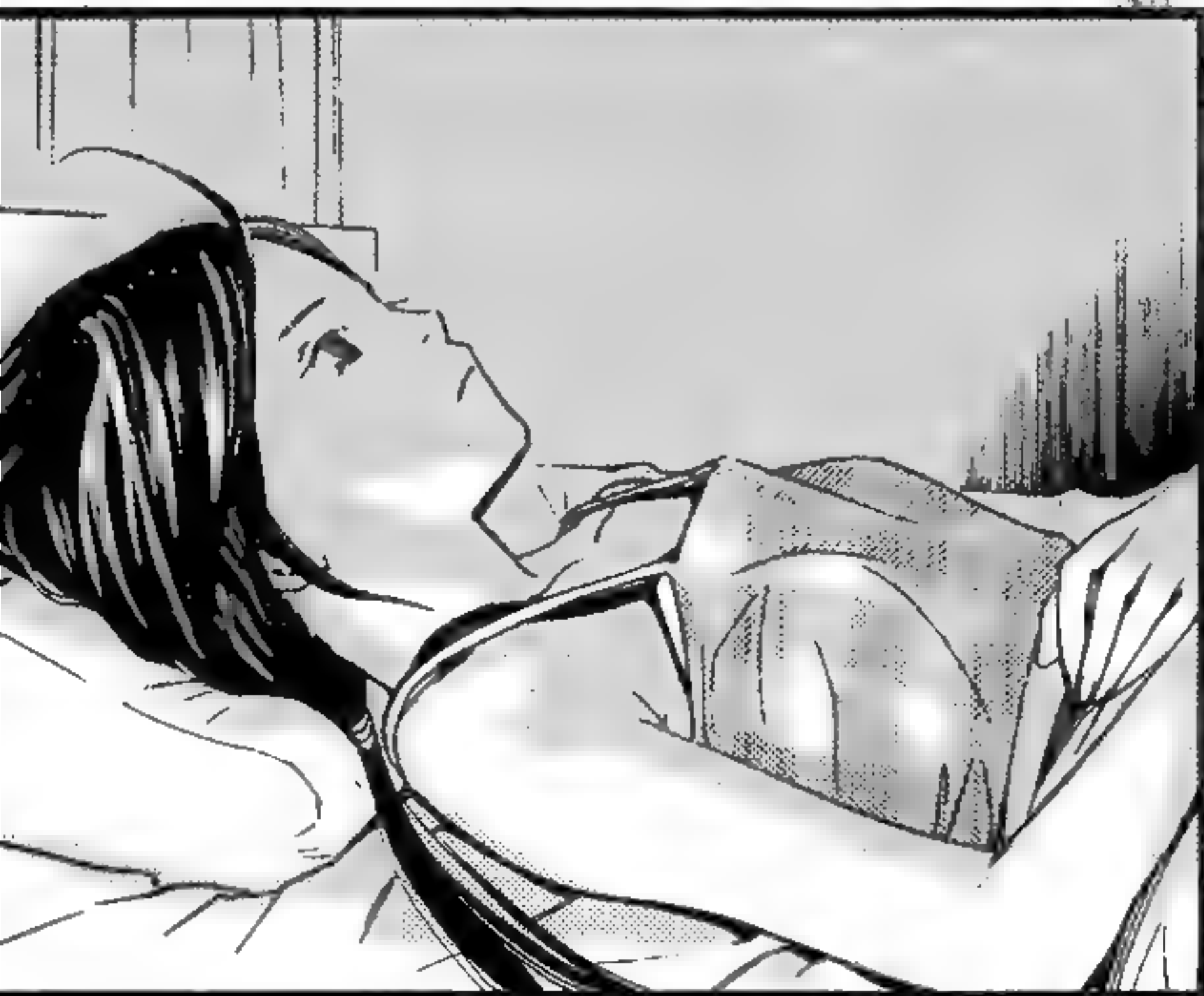
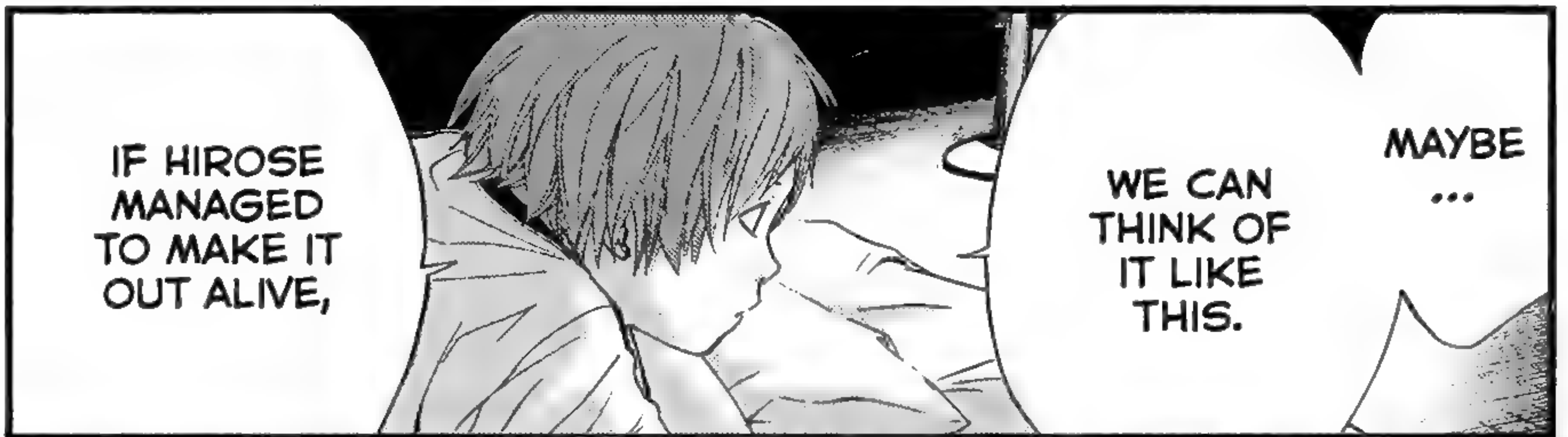
WE DON'T
KNOW WHERE
MEGUMI-SAN
OR KATSUMATA
ARE, EITHER.

...

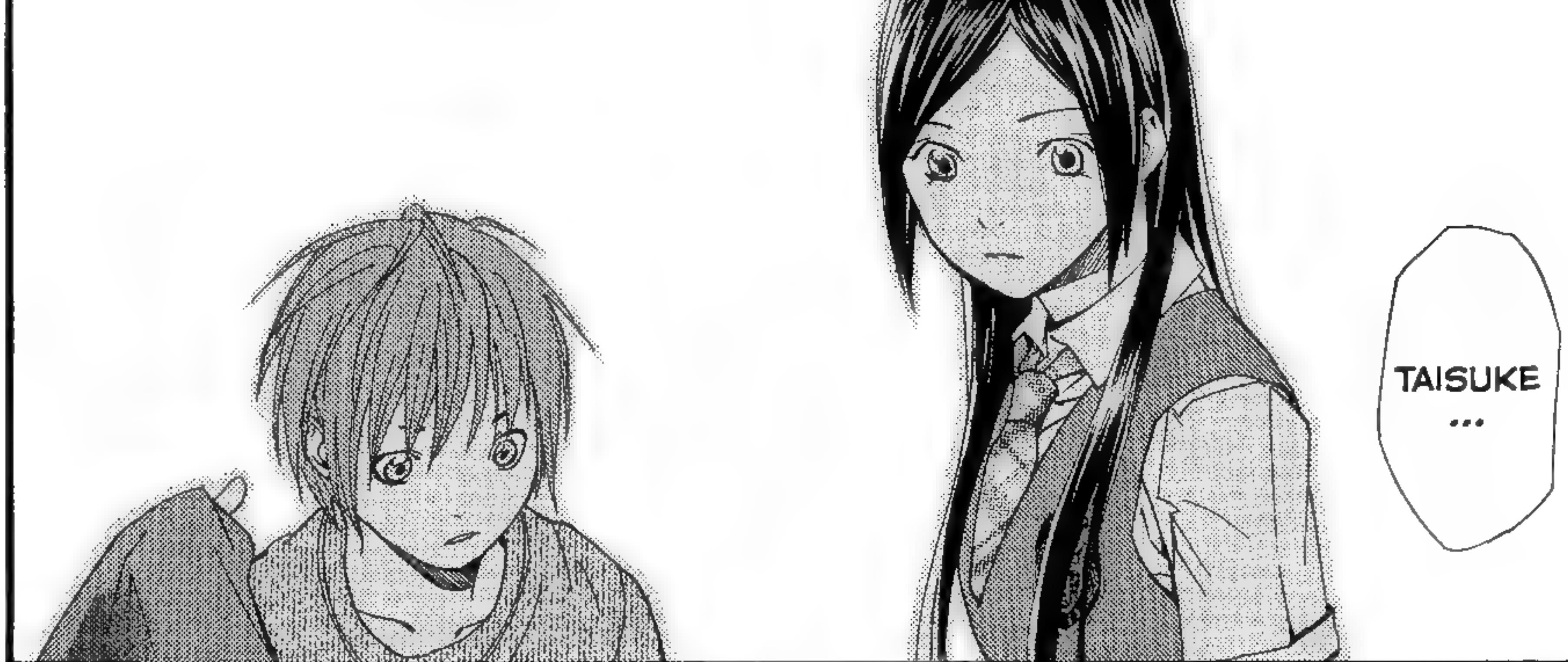
...ACRO'S
HEART IS
STILL ALIVE.

...IS
HIROSE.

AND
ACRO'S
HEART...





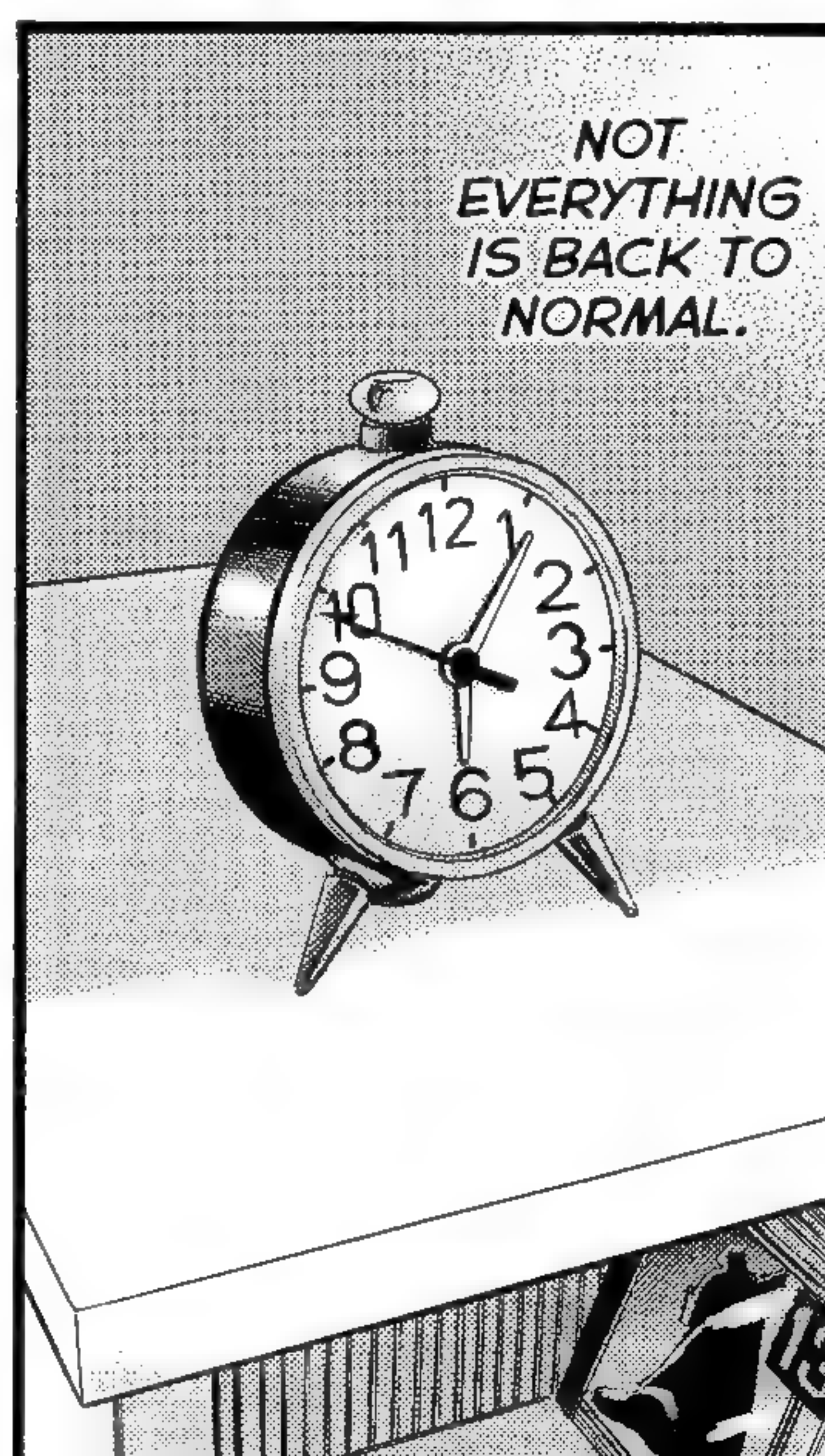


TAISUKE
...



IT FEELS
LIKE THESE
PEACEFUL DAYS
ARE A FLEETING
DREAM THAT
COULD END AT
ANY MOMENT.

RATHER...



NOT
EVERYTHING
IS BACK TO
NORMAL.

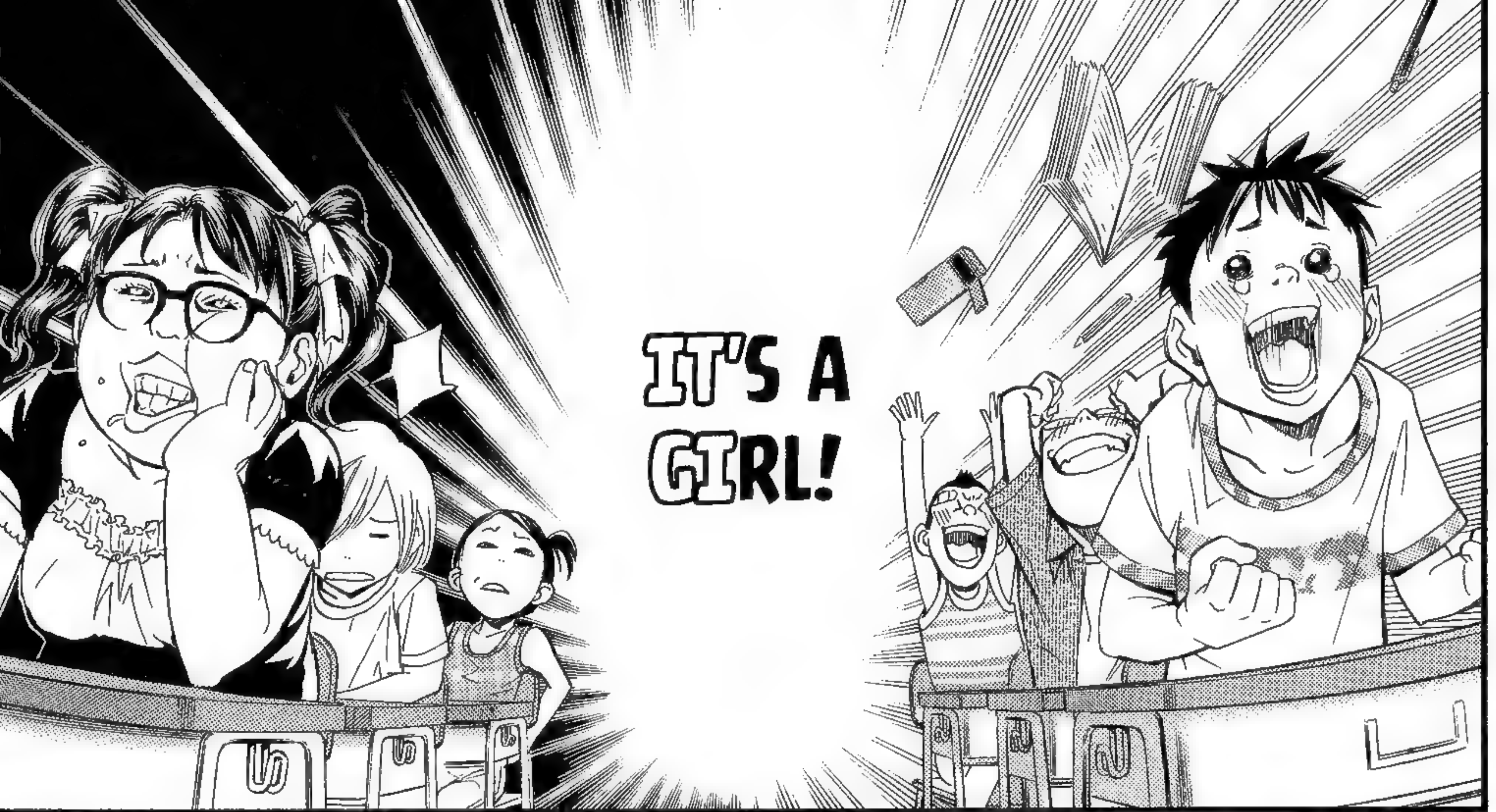
Aoi
Tezuka

STARTING
TODAY, WE
HAVE A NEW
FRIEND
JOINING
CLASS 1.

THIS IS AOI
TEZUKA-SAN.

EVERYONE
GIVE HER
A WARM
WELCOME!



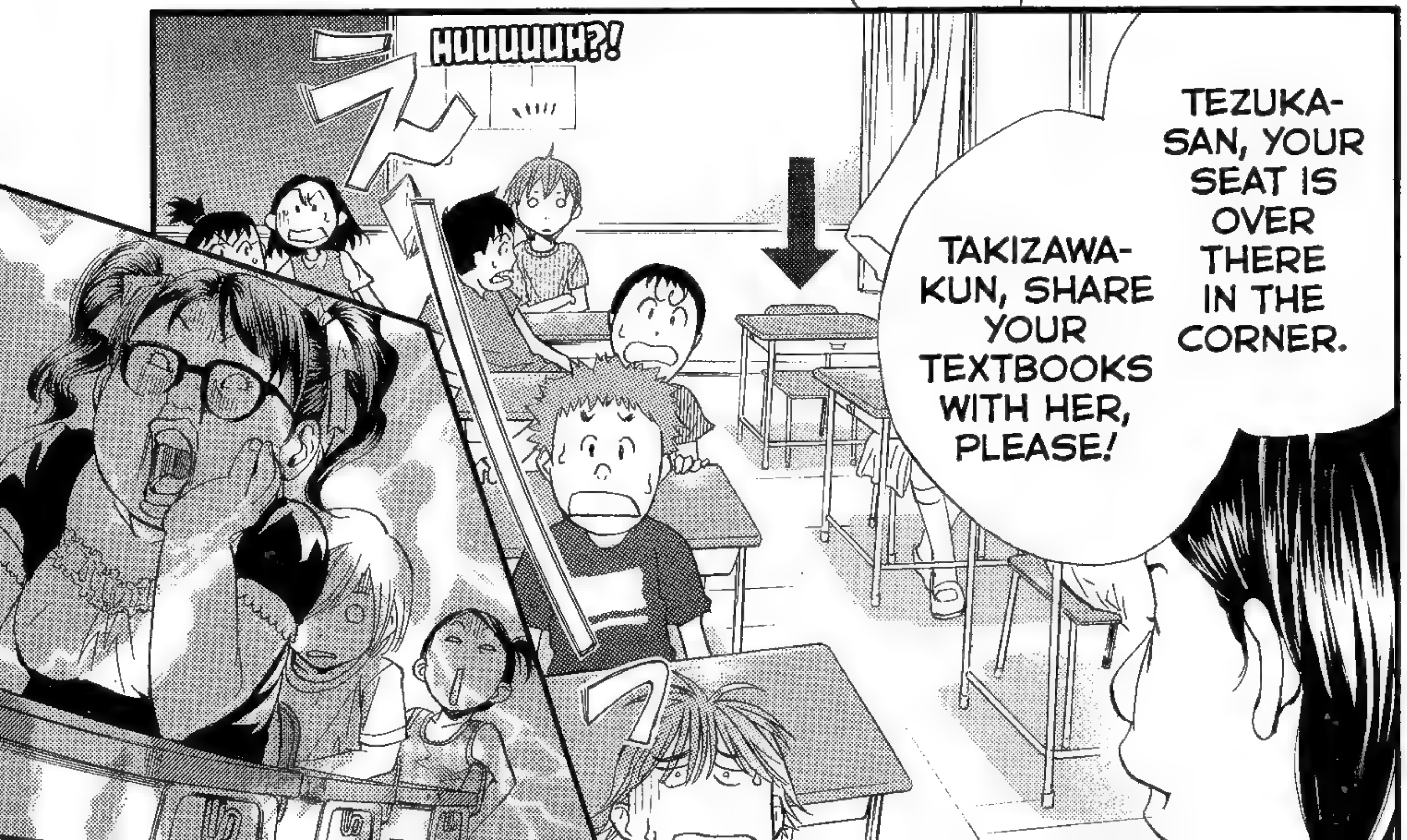


IT'S A
GIRL!

QUIET
DOWN,
EVERY-
ONE!

STUPID
BOYS. WHY
ARE THEY
GETTING SO
EXCITED?

YES! A
GIRL!



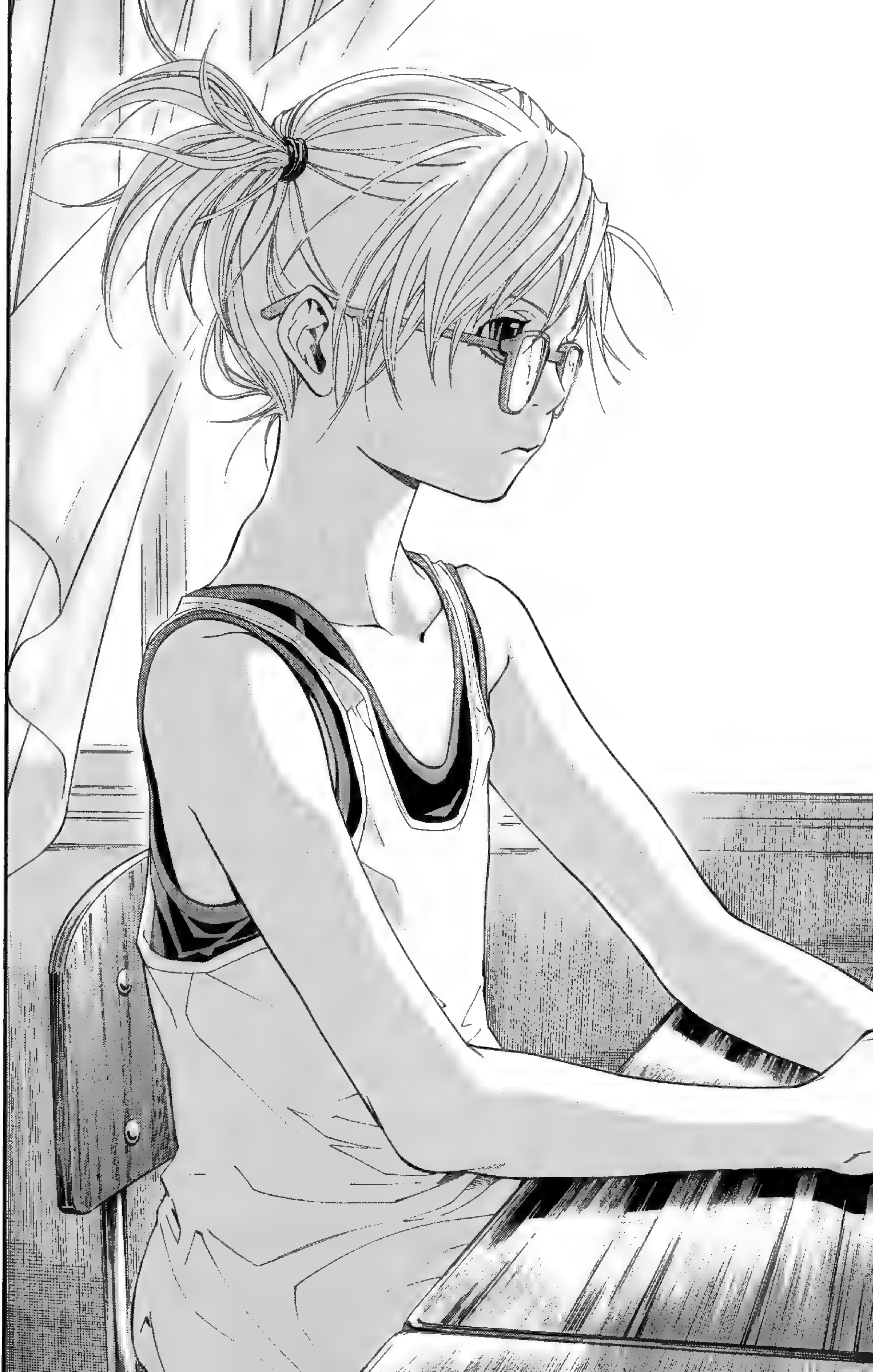
TEZUKA-
SAN, YOUR
SEAT IS
OVER
THERE
IN THE
CORNER.

TAKIZAWA-
KUN, SHARE
YOUR
TEXTBOOKS
WITH HER,
PLEASE!

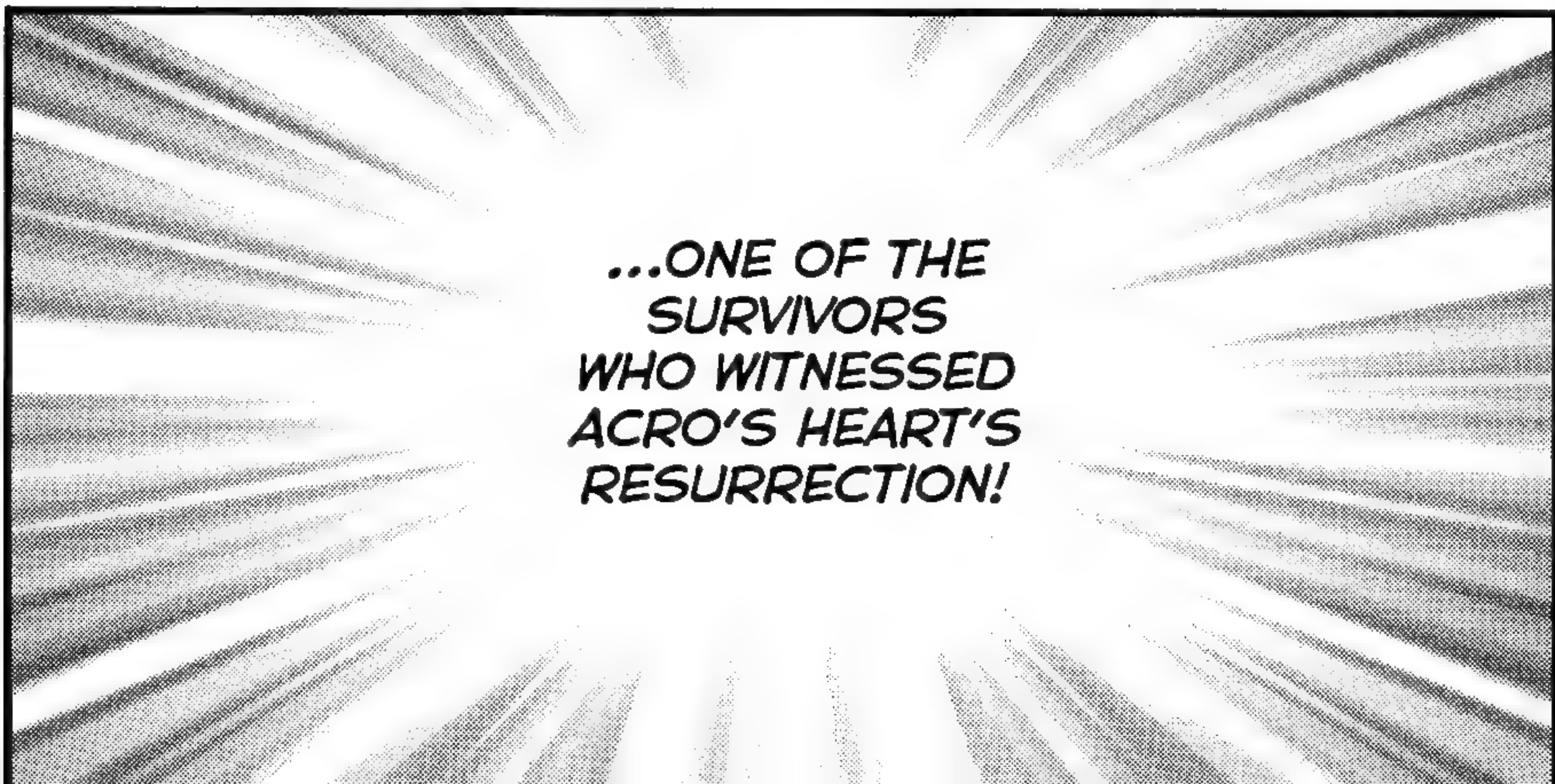
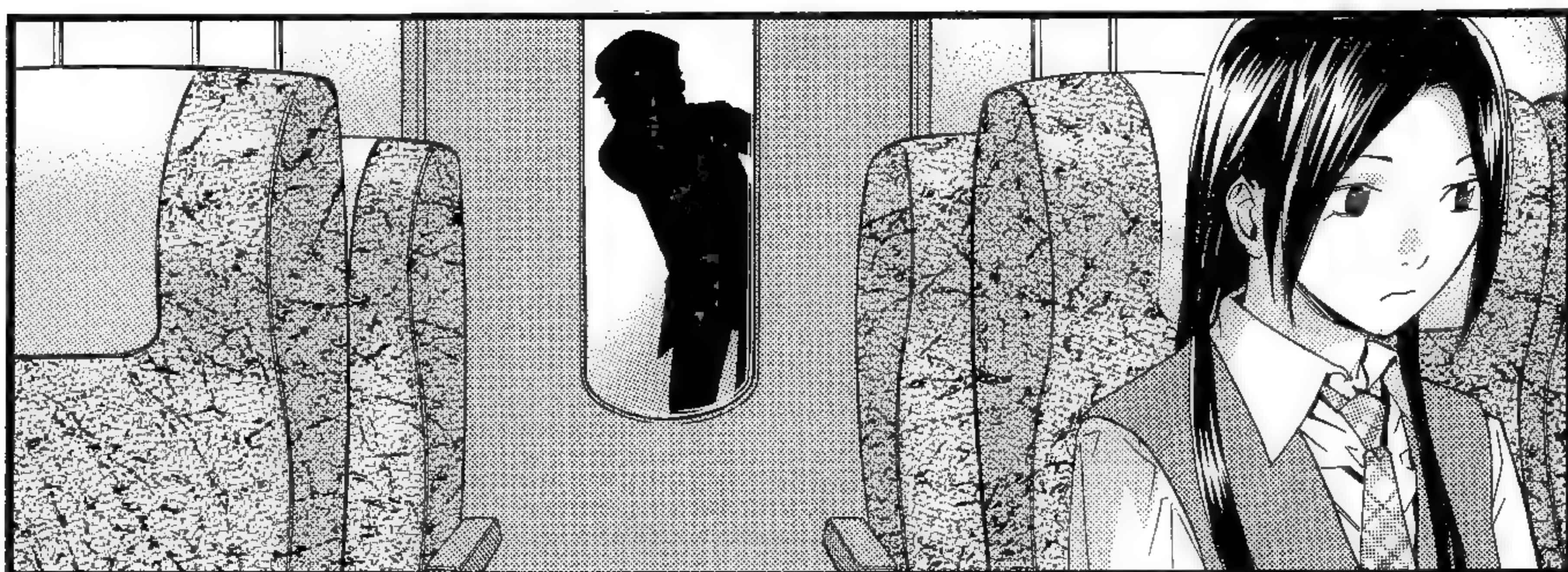
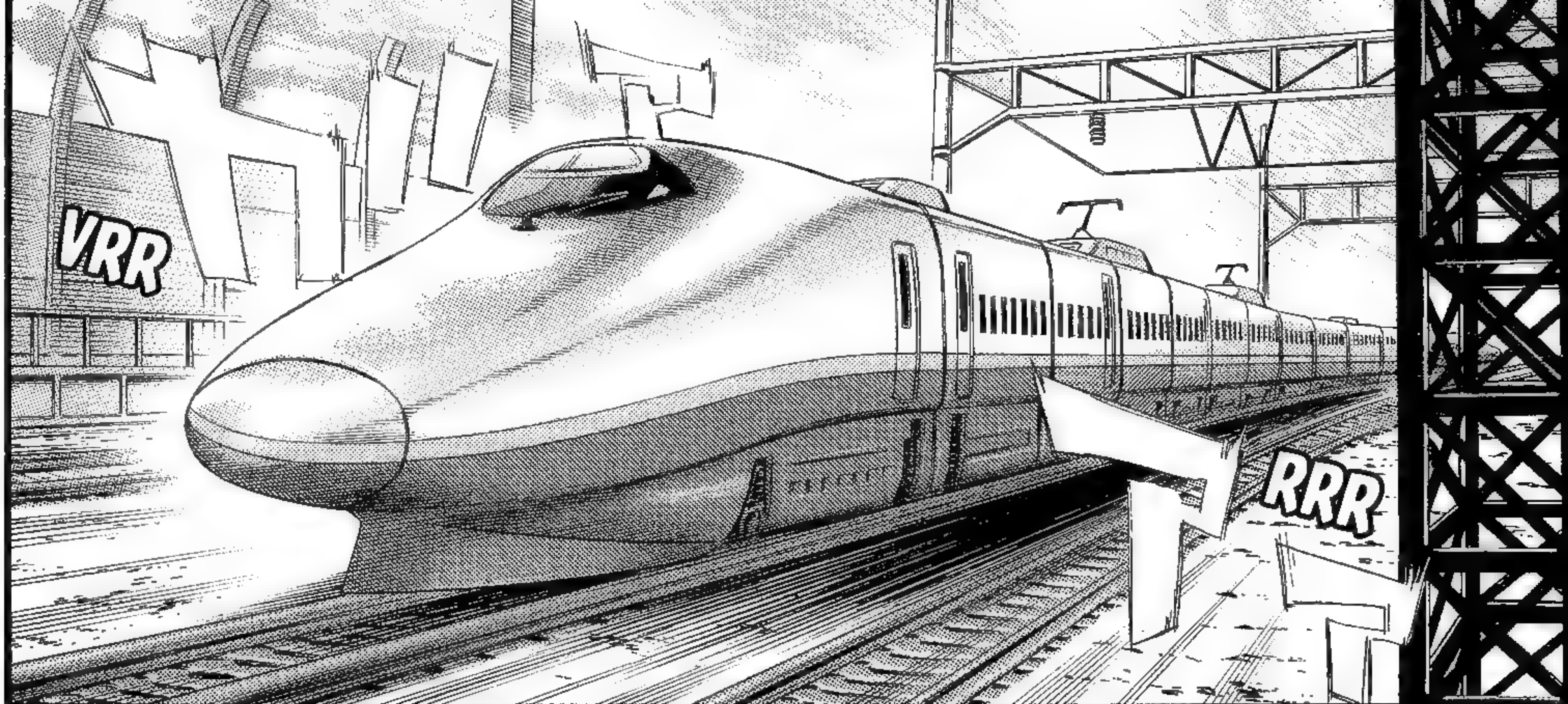
HUUUUUUH?!

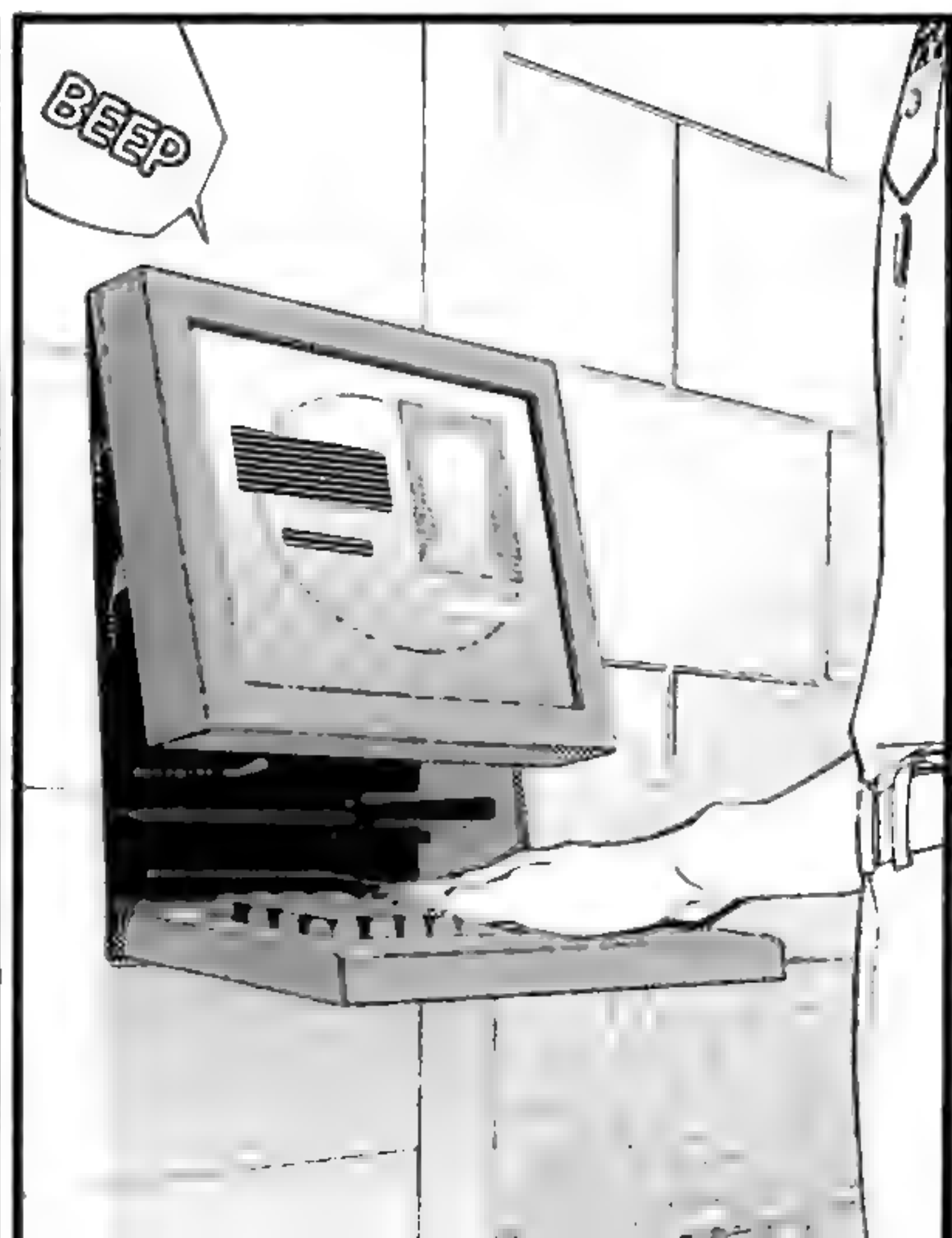
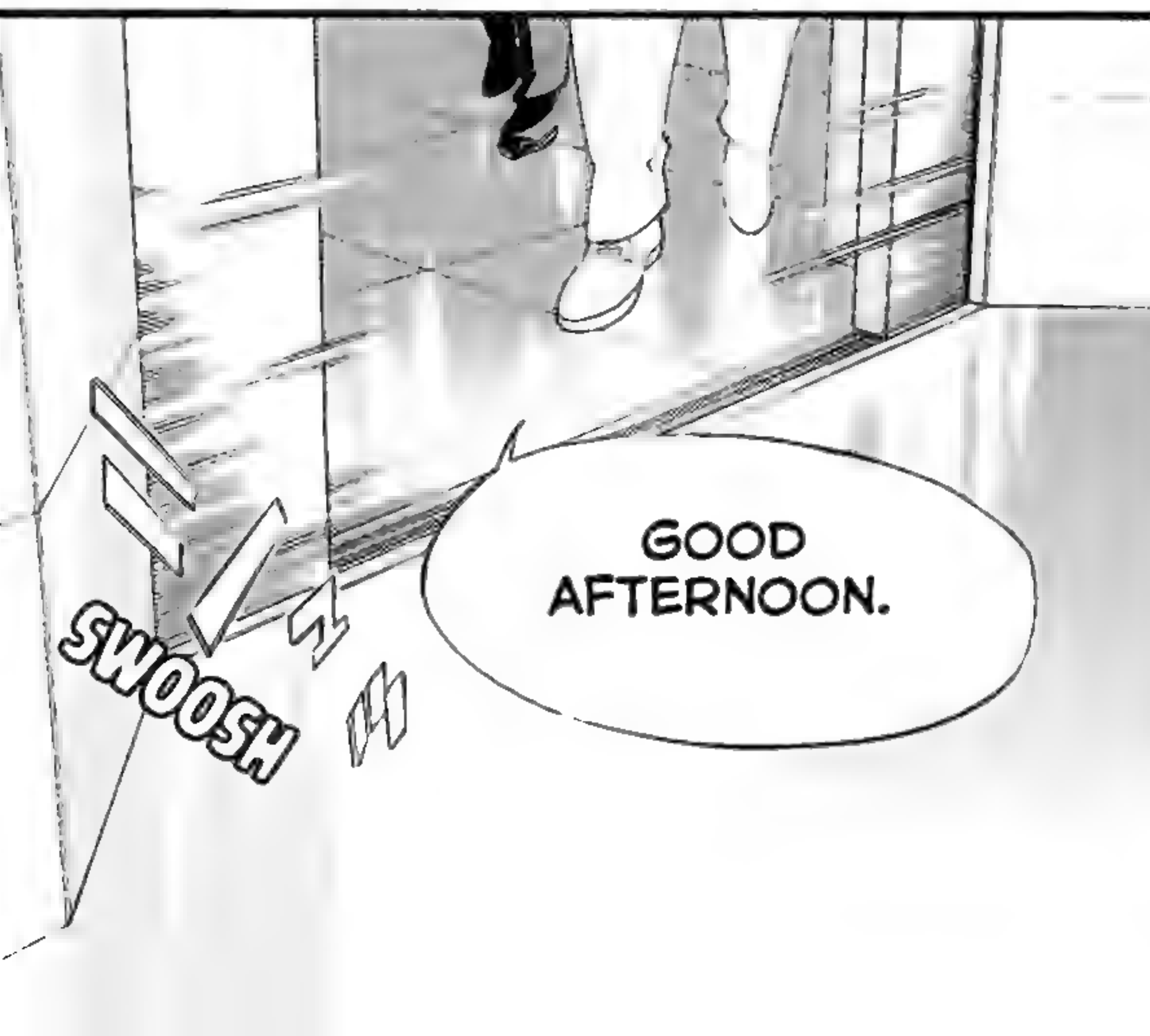


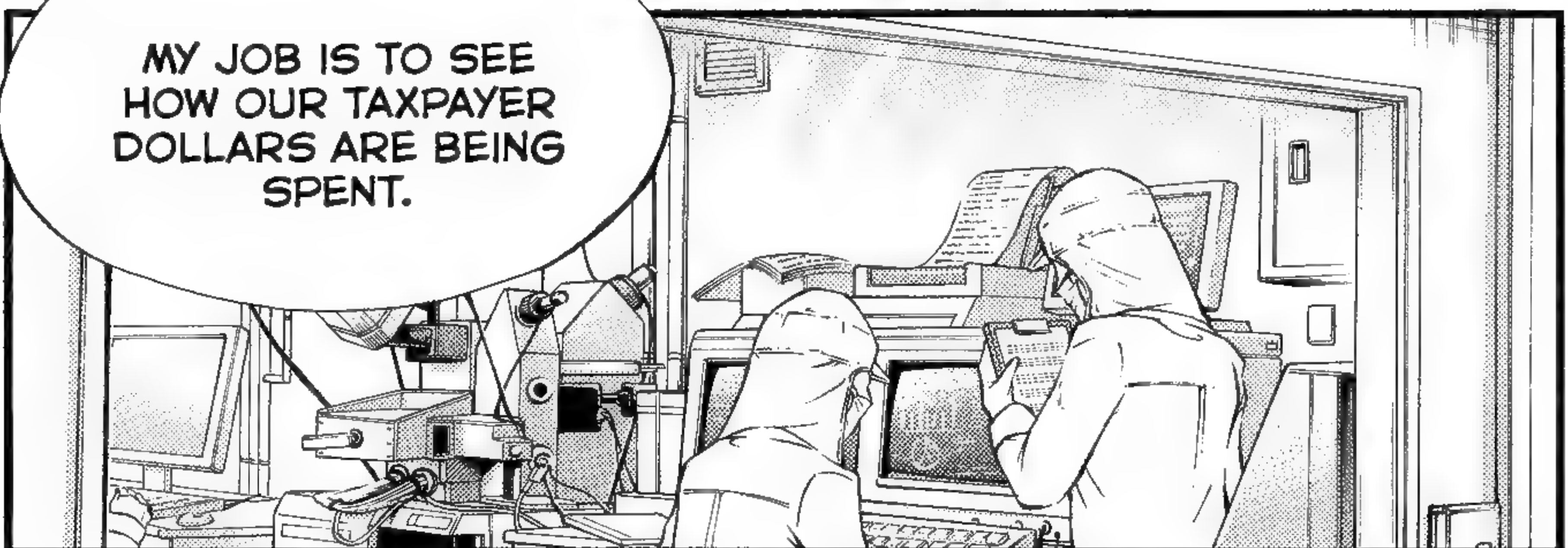
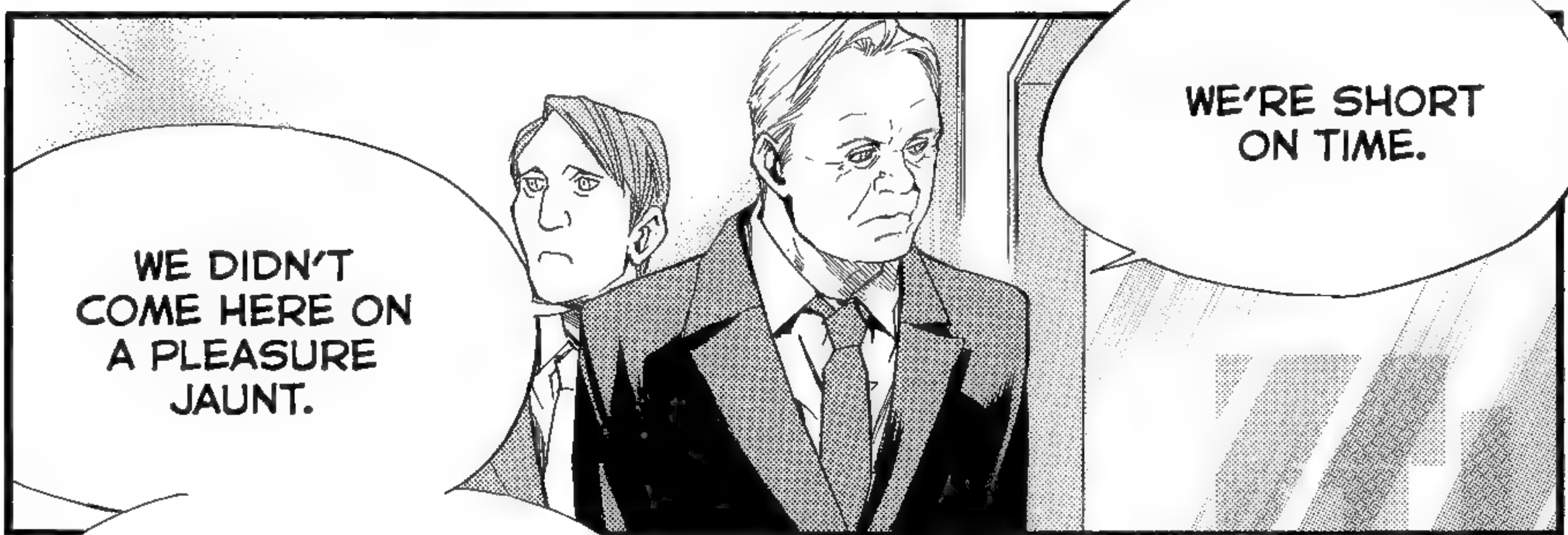


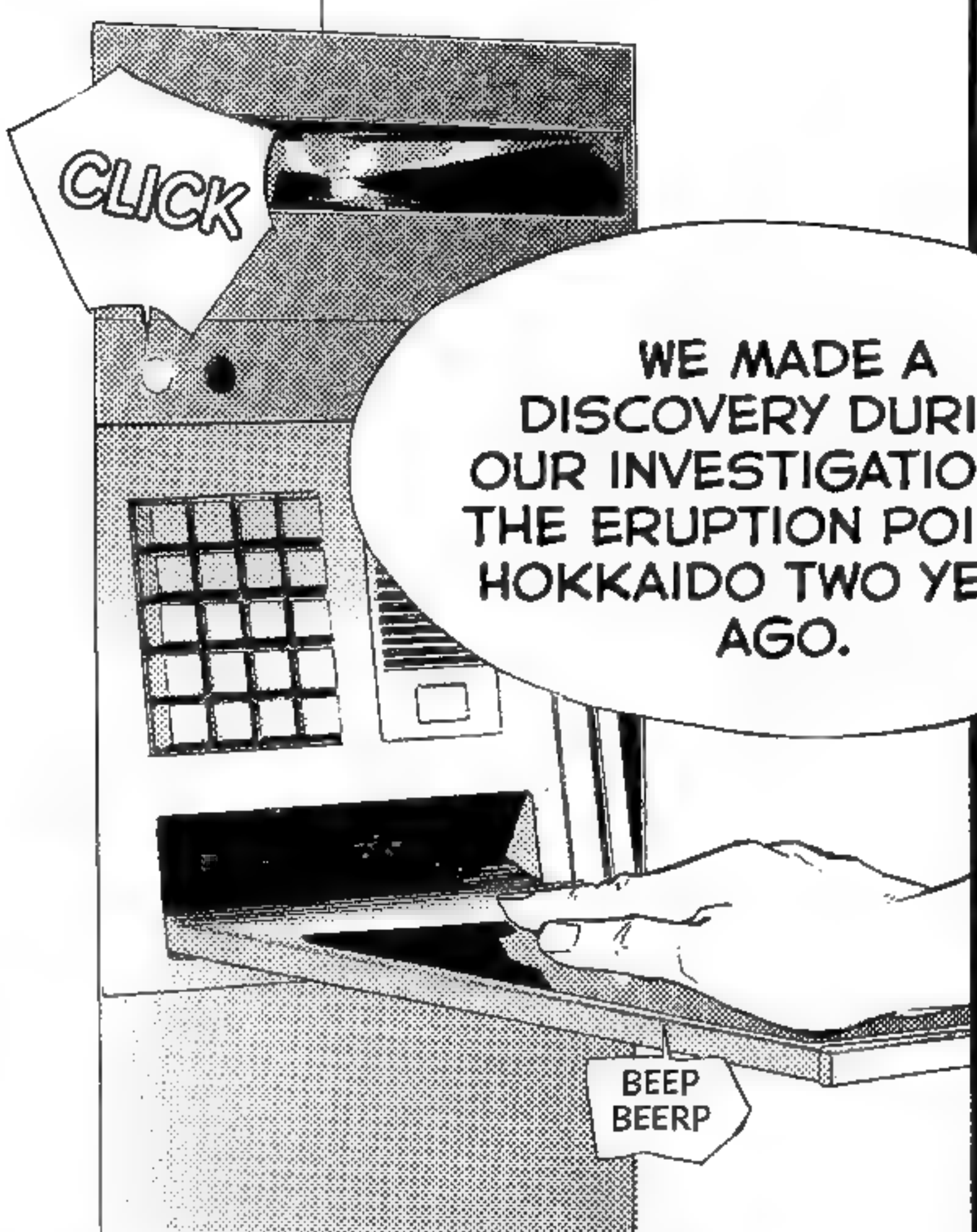












WE MADE A
DISCOVERY DURING
OUR INVESTIGATION OF
THE ERUPTION POINT IN
HOKKAIDO TWO YEARS
AGO.



I
ASSURE YOU,
SENATOR,

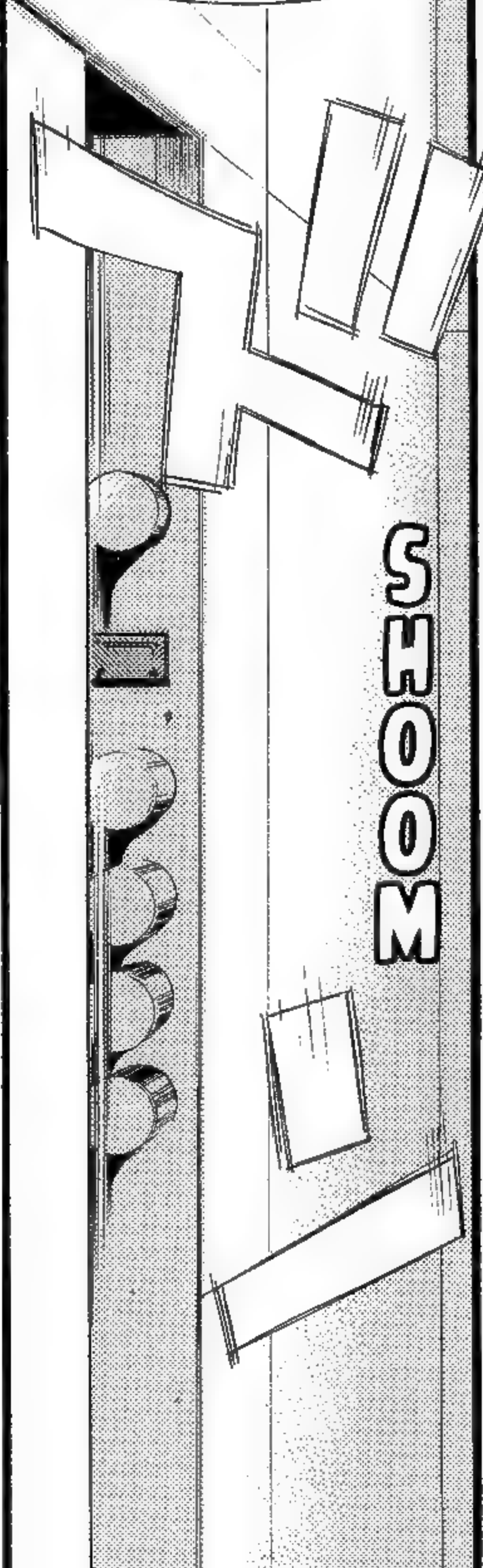
OUR RESEARCH
HERE IS WORTH
THE EXPENDITURE.



WHAT...

...IS THIS?

PLEASE, TAKE
A LOOK FOR
YOURSELF.



WHAT YOU SEE
BEFORE YOU...

BEEP

...BUT
"WHO."

NOT "WHAT,"
SENATOR...

BEEP

...IS A SURVIVOR
FROM THE
ERUPTION!

Chapter 36 / End

Y-YOU'RE
TELLING ME
THIS THING IS
ALIVE?

BEEP

BEEP

ALIVE

We are alive on this planet, and they arrived... THE FINAL EVOLUTION



TEZUKA-SAN,
YOU STILL DON'T
WANT TO WEAR
YOUR INDOOR
SHOES?



THEN I
DON'T
WANT TO
WEAR
ANY!

IF I
CAN'T
WEAR
THESE,



LET'S
SHUN
HER.

I CAN'T
BELIEVE A
GIRL LIKE
THAT GETS
TO SIT NEXT
TO YUTA-
KUN...



VERY
WEIRD
...

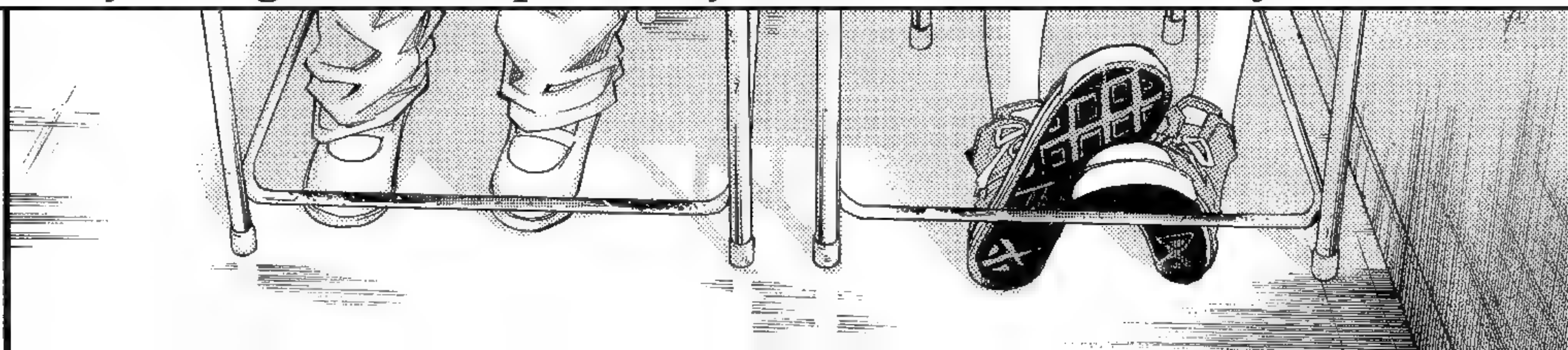
AOI-
CHAN'S
KINDA
WEIRD,
HUH?



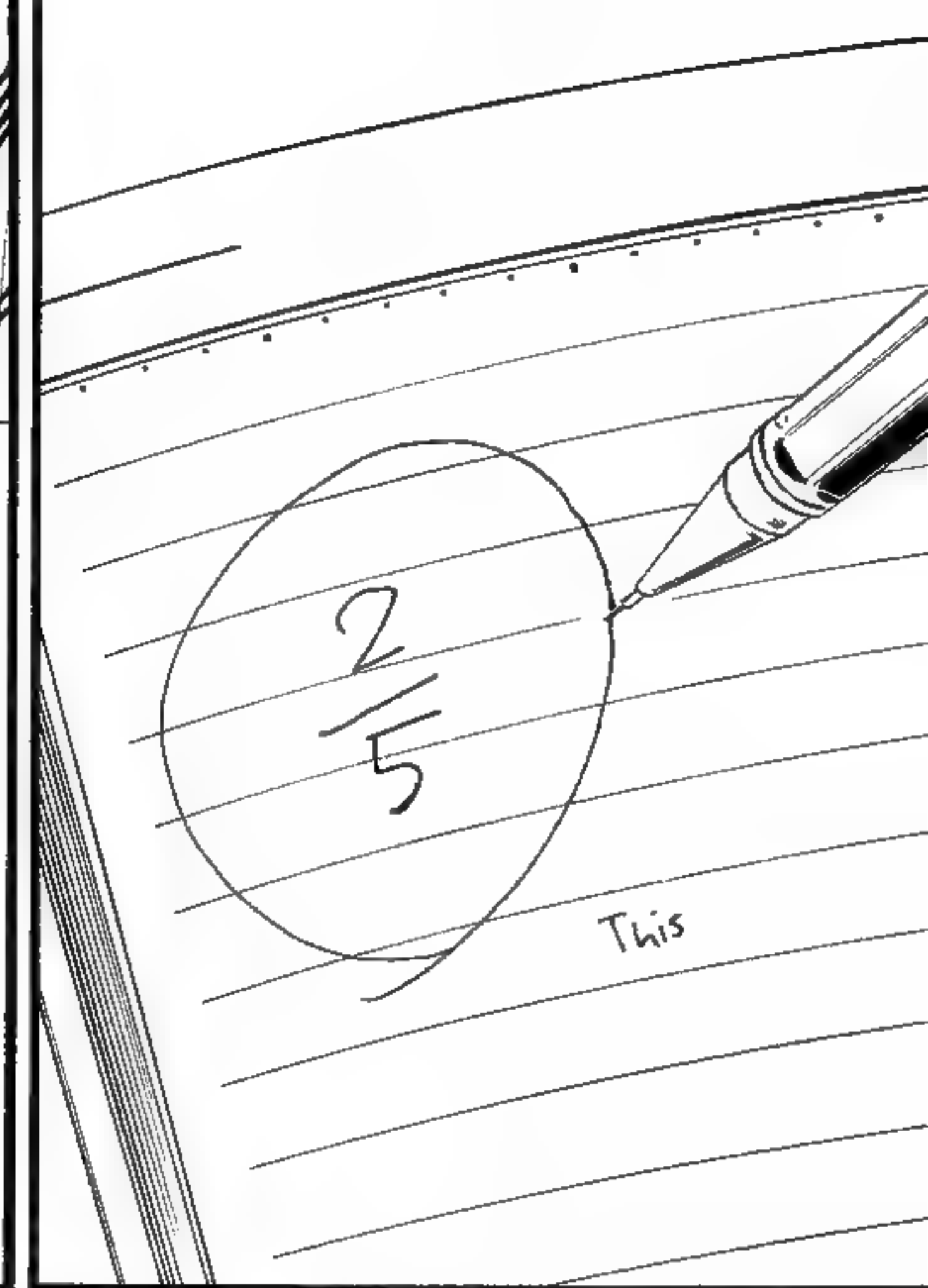
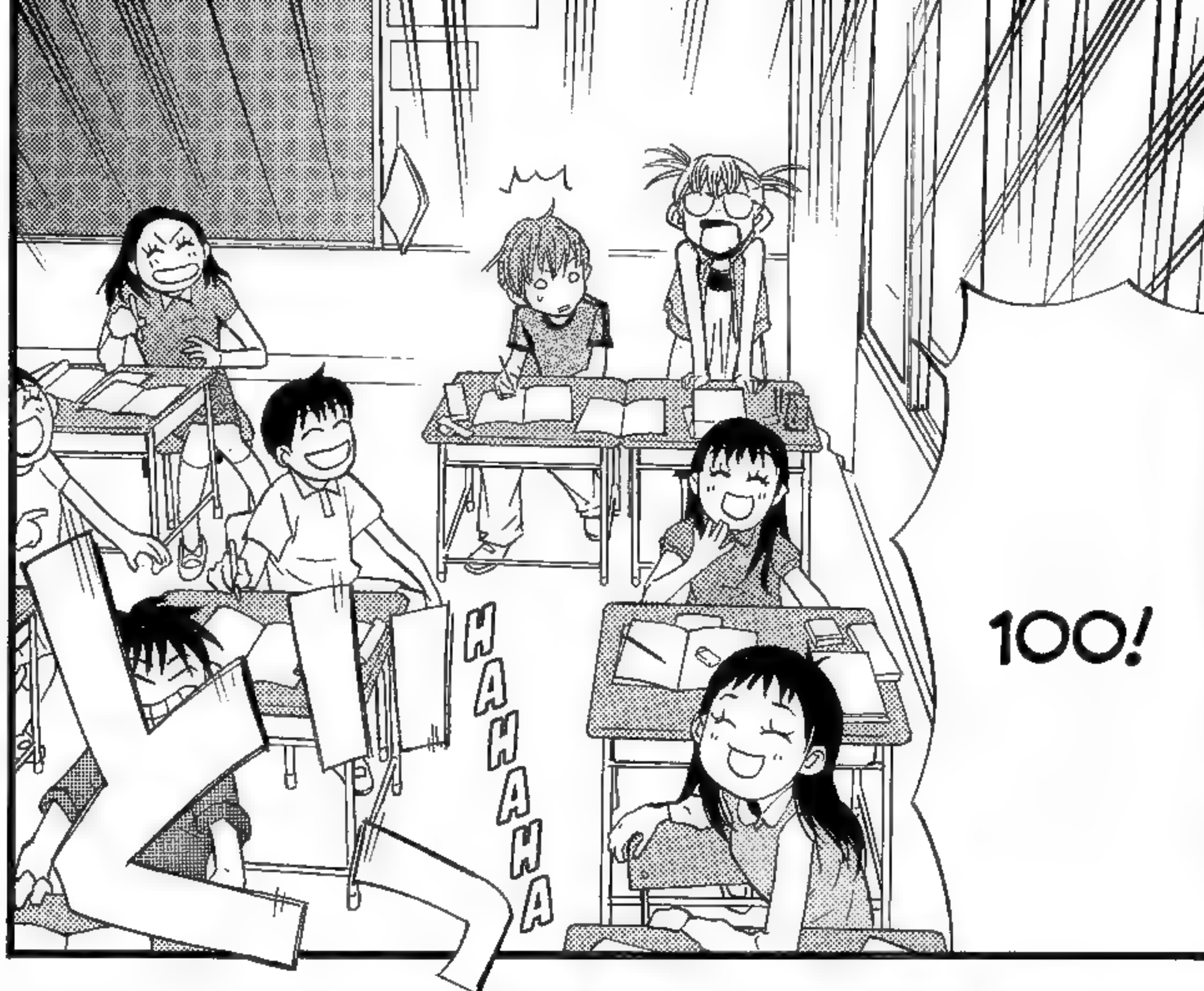
Chapter 37

I know

Any change is accompanied by drawbacks and discomforts.









ARE YOU BRAGGING?!

SHE'S BEEN STARING AT ME THIS WHOLE TIME...

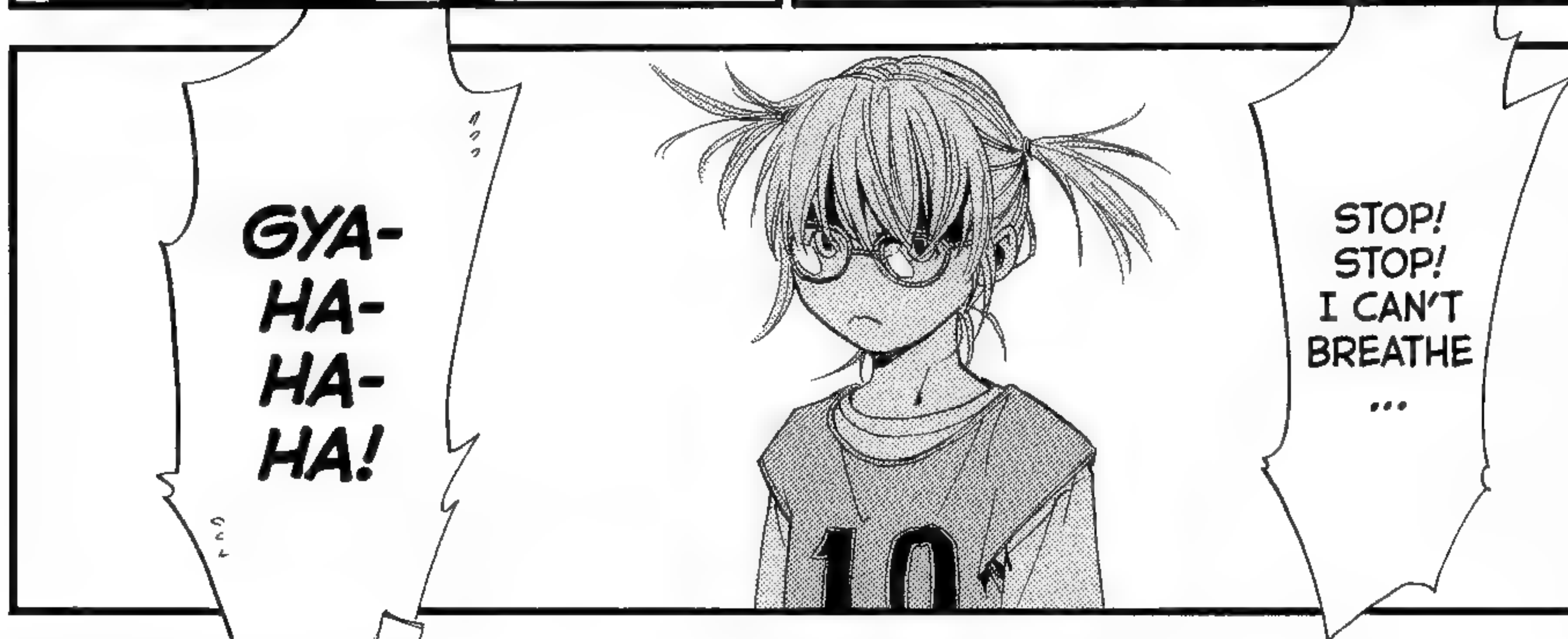
BUT SHE COMPLETELY IGNORES ME DURING CLASS.

NO, DUMMY!



WHAT'S UP, YUTA?

IT'S AOI...







GYAH!

JUST
NOW...

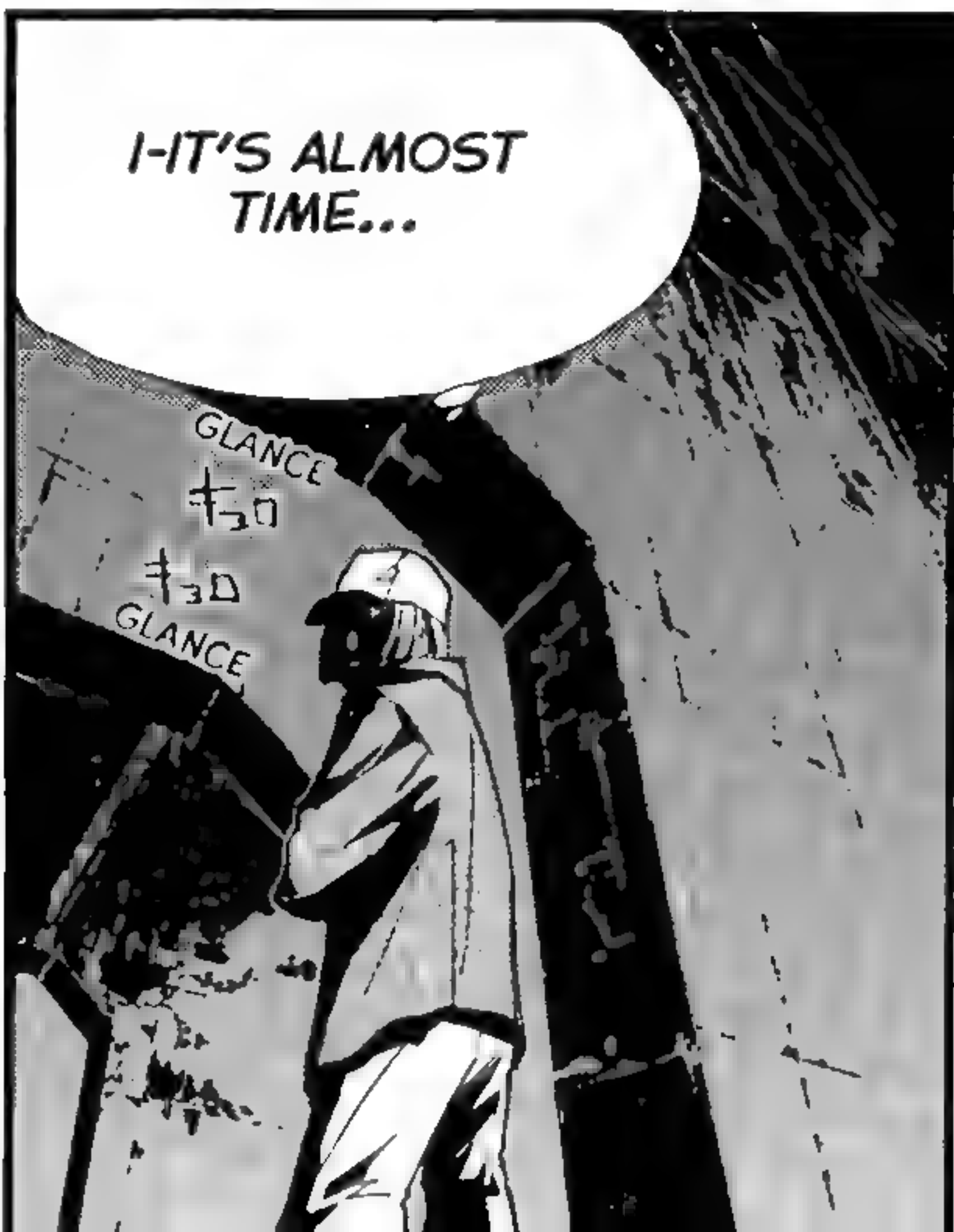
WHO
THREW
THAT?!

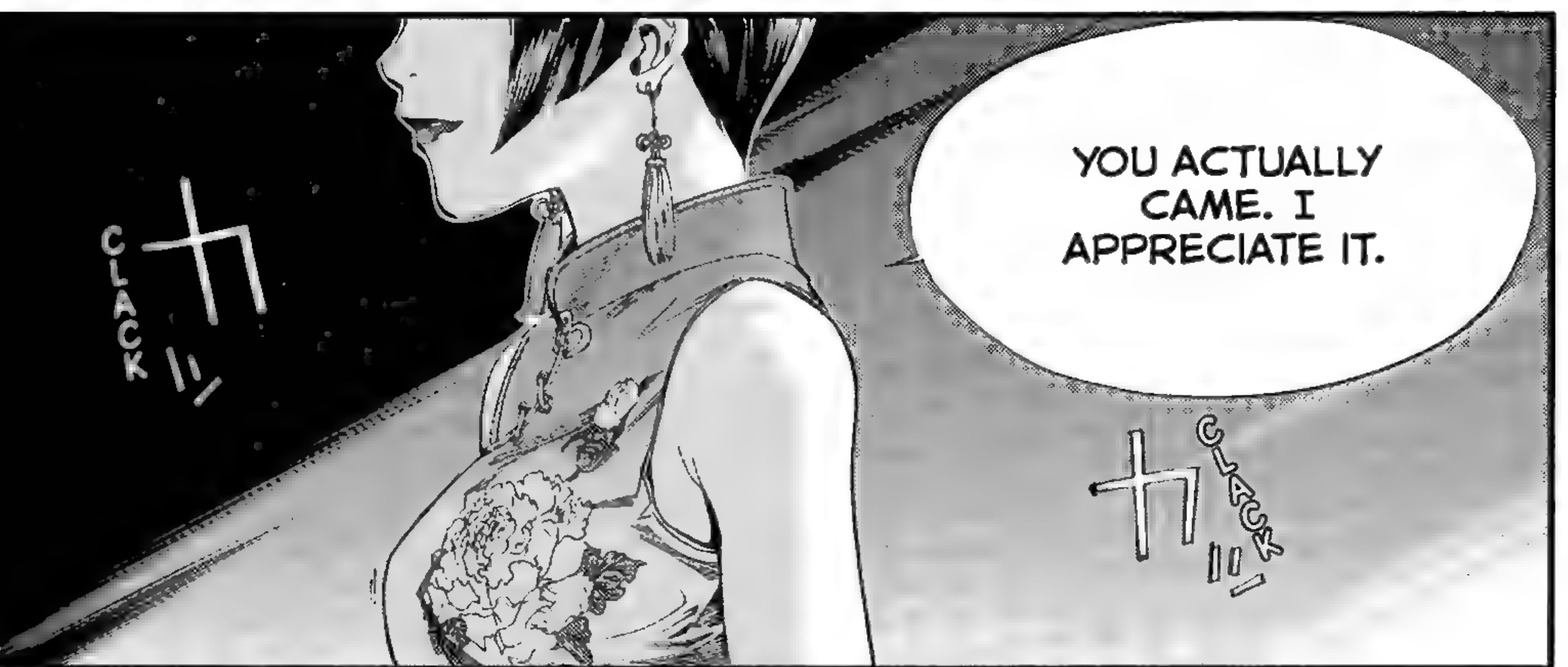
ARE
YOU
OKAY?!

I-IMPOS-
SIBLE! SHE
DODGED
OKADA'S
PITCH?!

DUMB
LUCK!





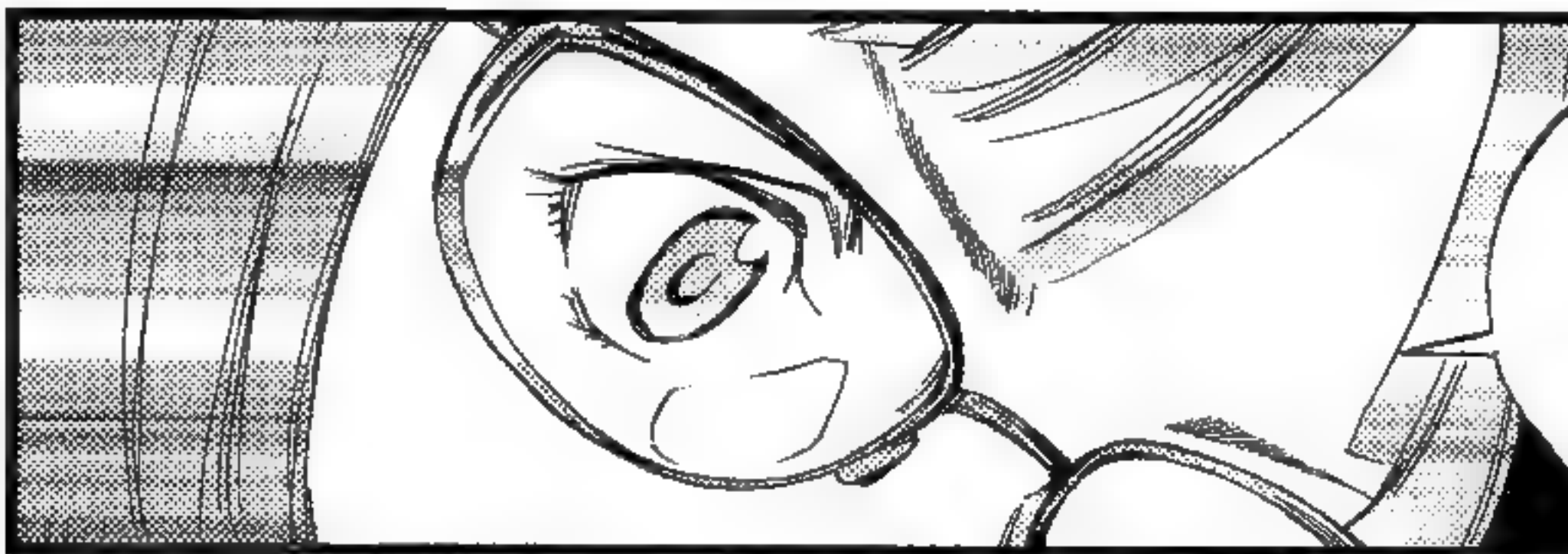






"LIVING ROCK."

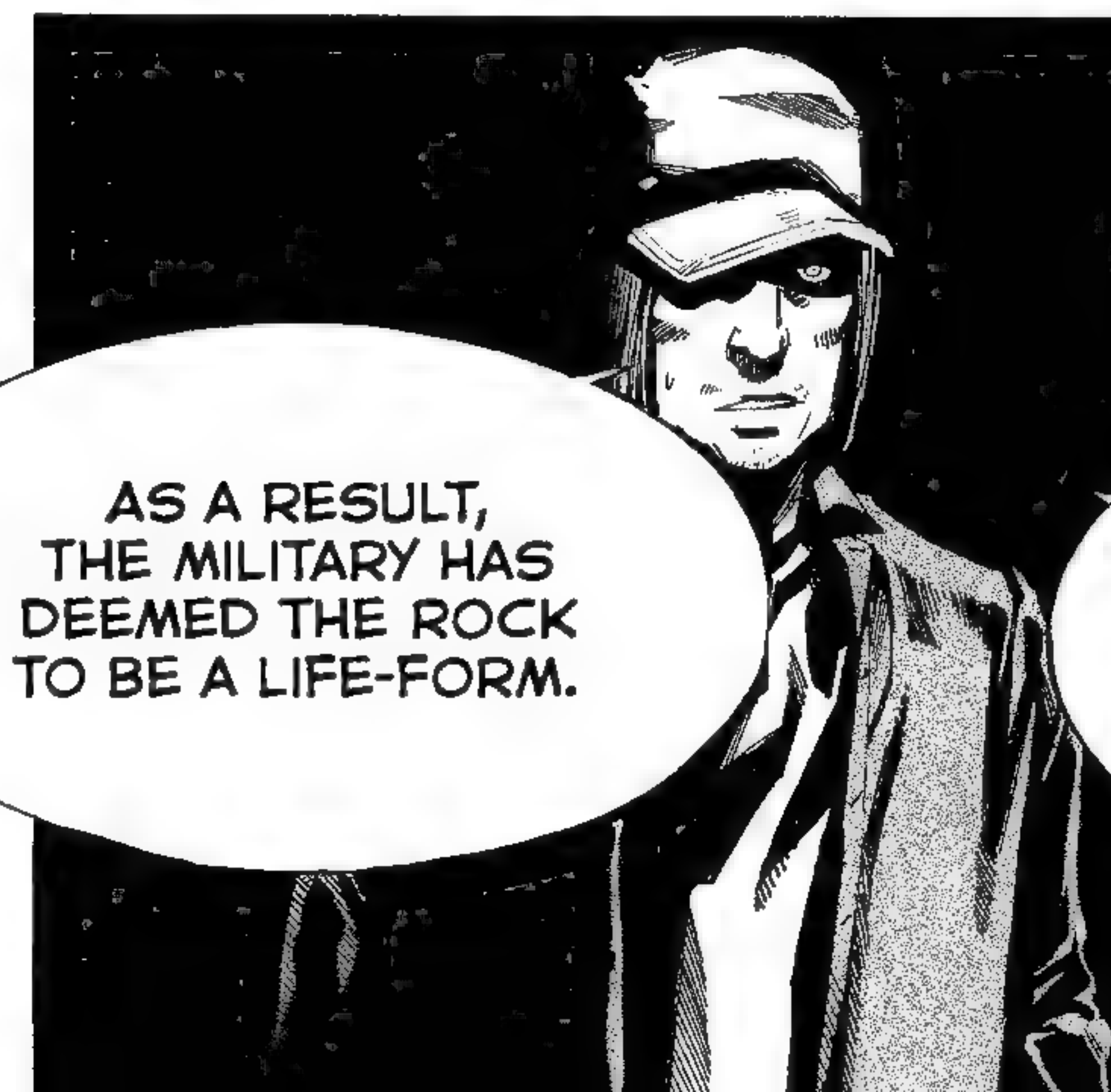
INSIDE IS A PICTURE
OF WHAT THE MILITARY
BROUGHT BACK FROM
THE ERUPTION SITE IN
HOKKAIDO,



LIVING...?



THIS THING
IS ALIVE?



AS A RESULT,
THE MILITARY HAS
DEEMED THE ROCK
TO BE A LIFE-FORM.

NOT ONLY DOES THIS
ROCK HAVE A PULSE, IT
CHANGES SHAPE AND
GROWS EVERY DAY.

IN ADDITION, IT'S BEEN
CONFIRMED TO HAVE
CELL DIVISION AND
SELF-RESTORATIVE
PROPERTIES.



IN OTHER
WORDS...THIS
IS ACRO'S
HEART?



THEY'RE
GOING TO
USE THAT
POWER AS A
WEAPON?!



I DON'T KNOW
THE DETAILS,
BUT WHAT I CAN
TELL YOU...



...IS THAT THE
COUNTRY INTENDS
TO USE IT AS A
WEAPON.

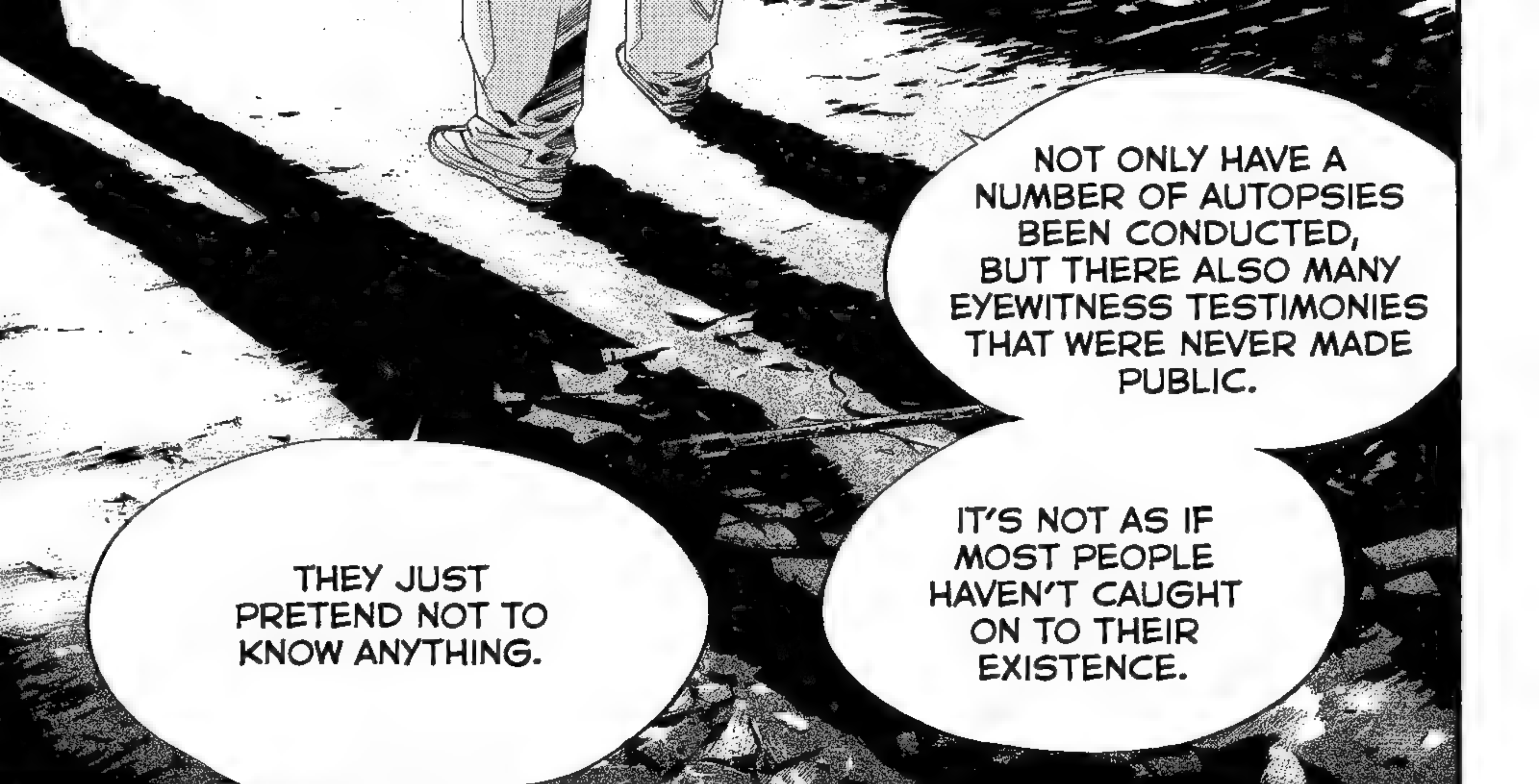


YOU KNOW
ABOUT THE
COMRADES?

OF COURSE.




EVERYTHING
IS TO STAND
AGAINST PSNP.



NOT ONLY HAVE A
NUMBER OF AUTOPSIES
BEEN CONDUCTED,
BUT THERE ALSO MANY
EYEWITNESS TESTIMONIES
THAT WERE NEVER MADE
PUBLIC.

THEY JUST
PRETEND NOT TO
KNOW ANYTHING.

IT'S NOT AS IF
MOST PEOPLE
HAVEN'T CAUGHT
ON TO THEIR
EXISTENCE.



THE MILITARY HAS
BEEN DOING TOP-
SECRET RESEARCH
ON THE COMRADES
FOR THE PAST TWO
YEARS.

RUMOR HAS IT THERE
ARE EVEN COMRADES
WORKING WITH THEM
ON THE INSIDE.



THAT'S ALL I
HAVE TO SAY.

TURN THEM INTO
ALLIES AND USE
THEIR POWER TO
MAKE PEACE...

THAT'S WHAT MY
COUNTRY, "THE LAND
OF THE FREE," IS
TRYING TO DO.





How am I
gonna pay
my mortgage
now?

SOOO
SCARY.

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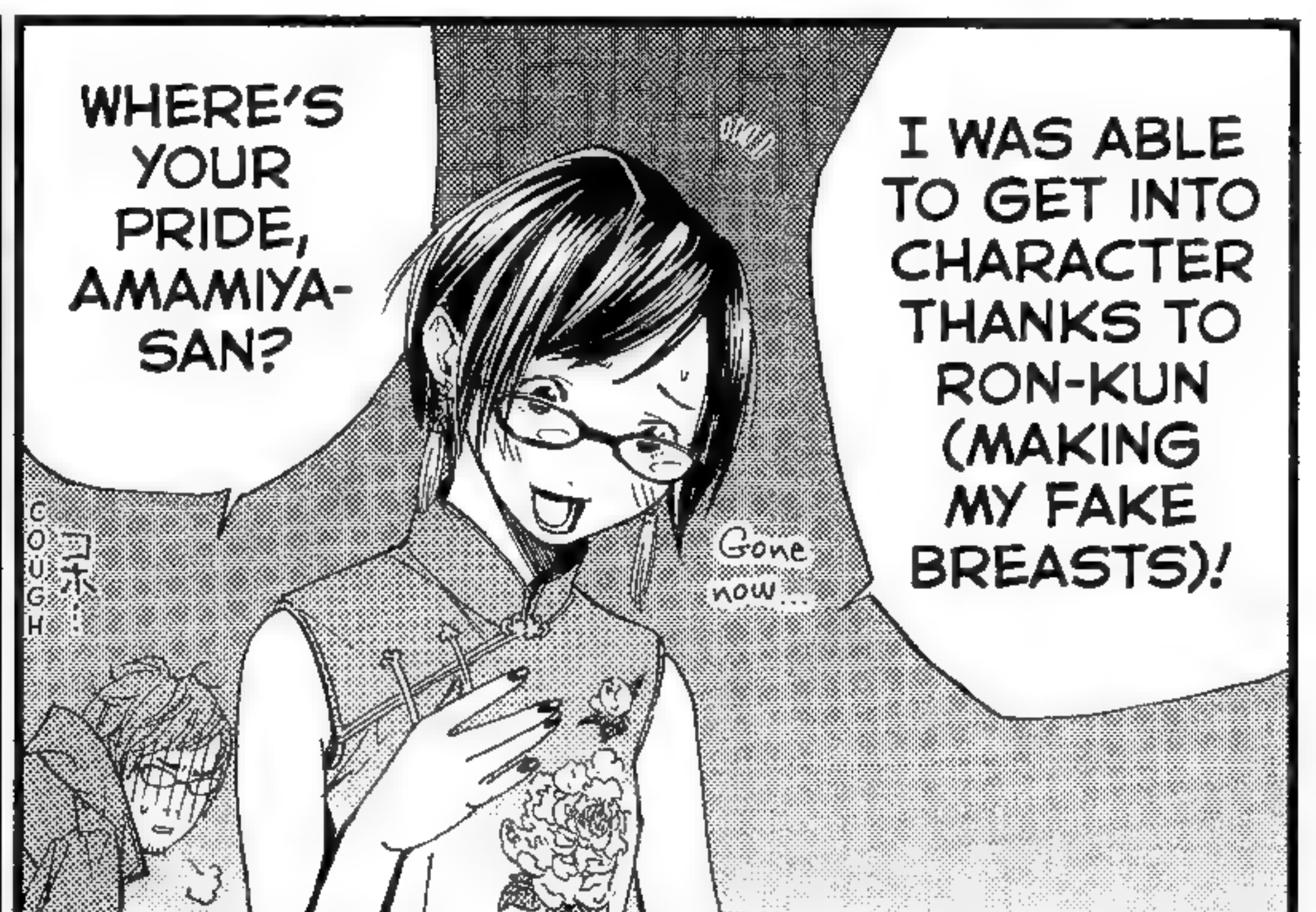
I WORE THIS
TO TRY TO
PUT UP A
FRONT.

WHY DID I
HAVE TO USE
MY SAVINGS
FOR THIS?

THANK GOD
IT WORKED!



RON-
KUN?



WHERE'S
YOUR
PRIDE,
AMAMIYA-
SAN?

I WAS ABLE
TO GET INTO
CHARACTER
THANKS TO
RON-KUN
(MAKING
MY FAKE
BREASTS)!

Gone
now...

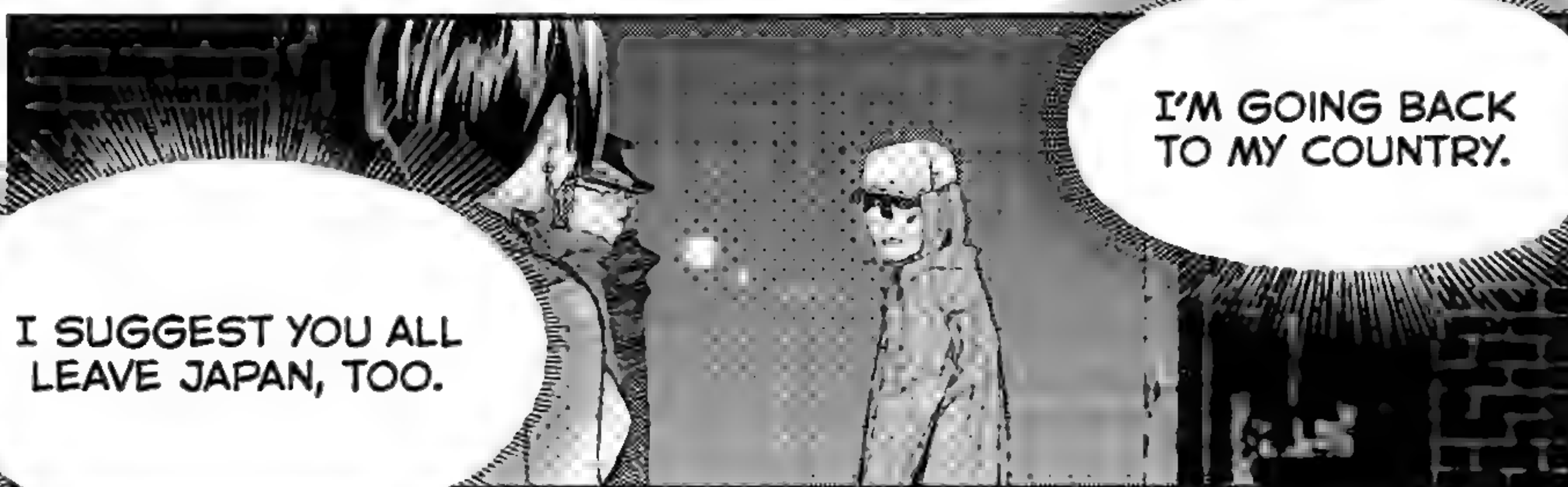


THE
HEART'S
PULSE
IS TOO
STRONG!

SHAKE
SHAKE
SHAKE

IT'S
LIKE
BEING
BACK
AT THAT
LAKE.

TH-THIS
PLACE IS
SCARY...



I SUGGEST YOU ALL
LEAVE JAPAN, TOO.

I'M GOING BACK
TO MY COUNTRY.



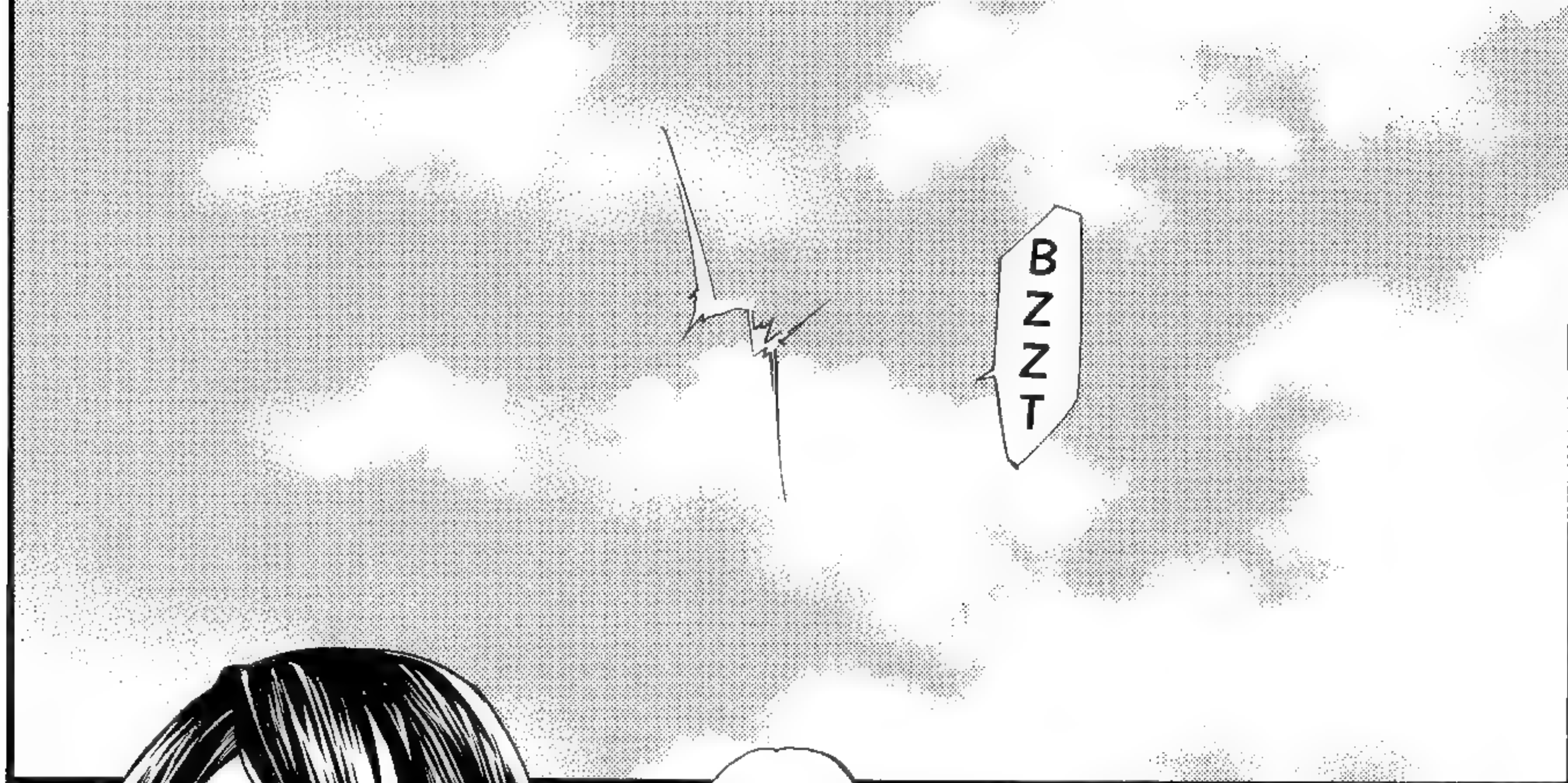
VERY SOON...



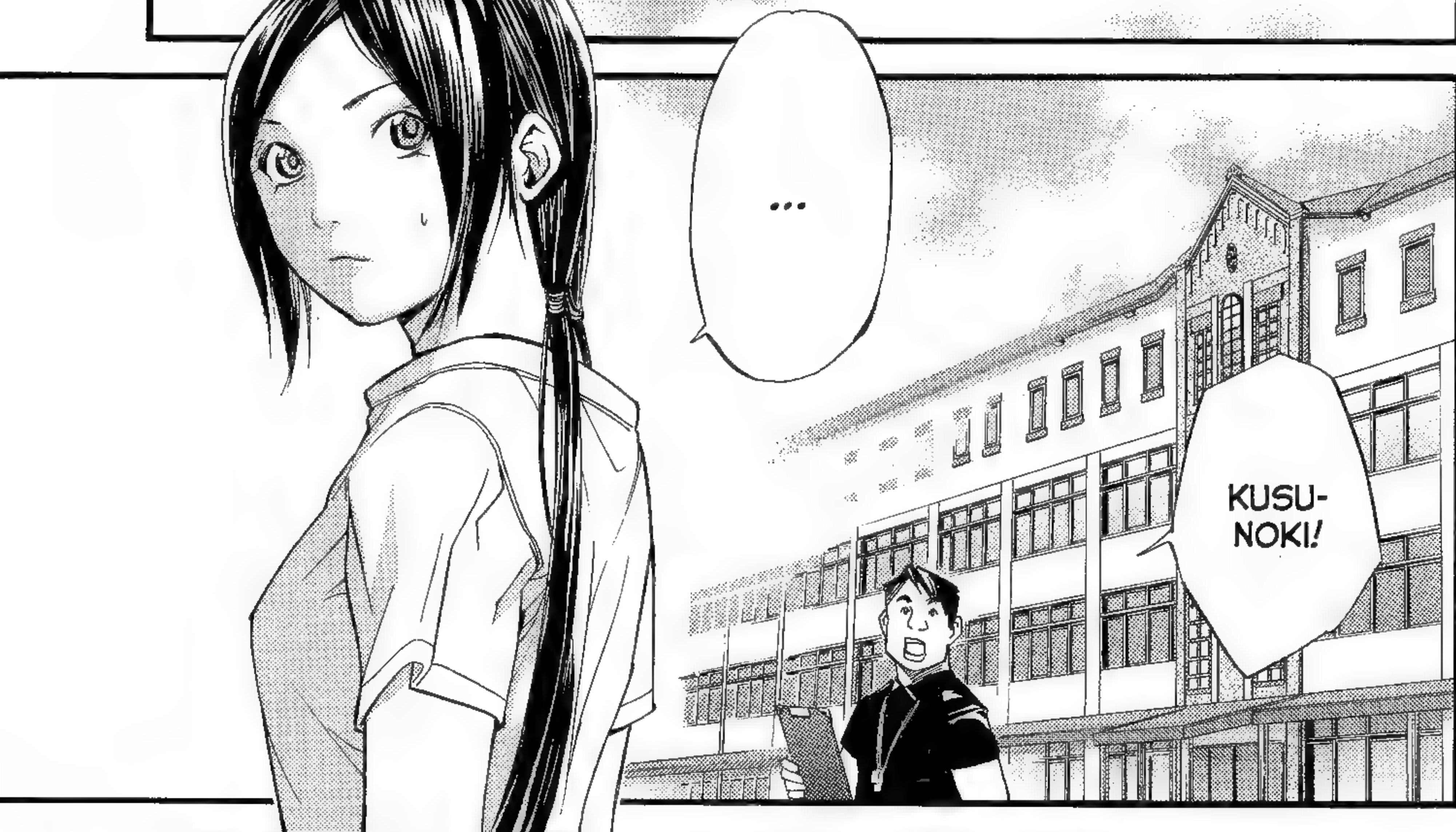
THAT THING
WILL MOVE!

BZZT

END



BZZT



...

KUSU-NOKI!



I HAVE TO
HOLD BACK
JUST HOW
HIGH I
JUMP...

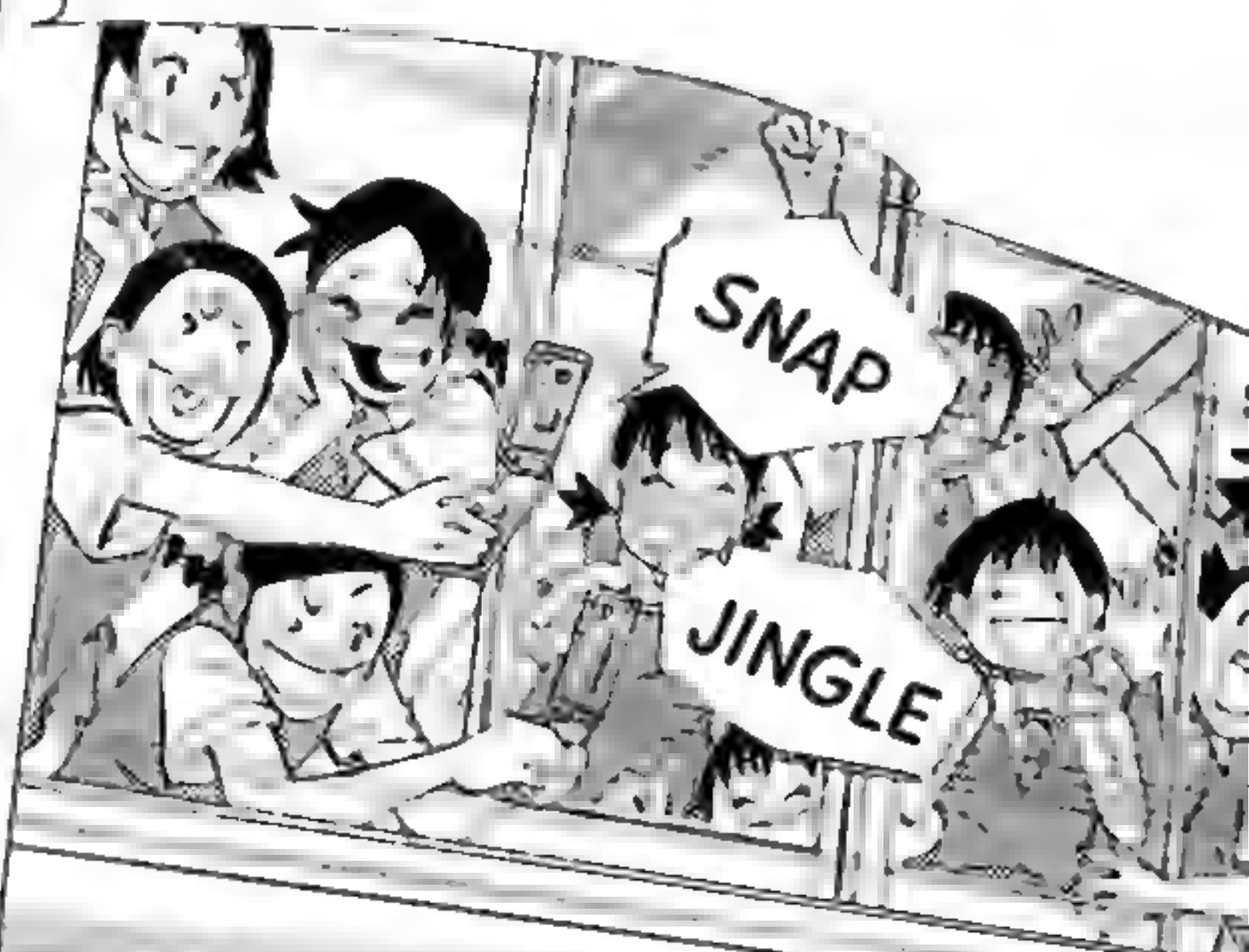


OKAY!

NAMI
KUSUNOKI!
LAST
JUMP!



KYAAAAHHH!



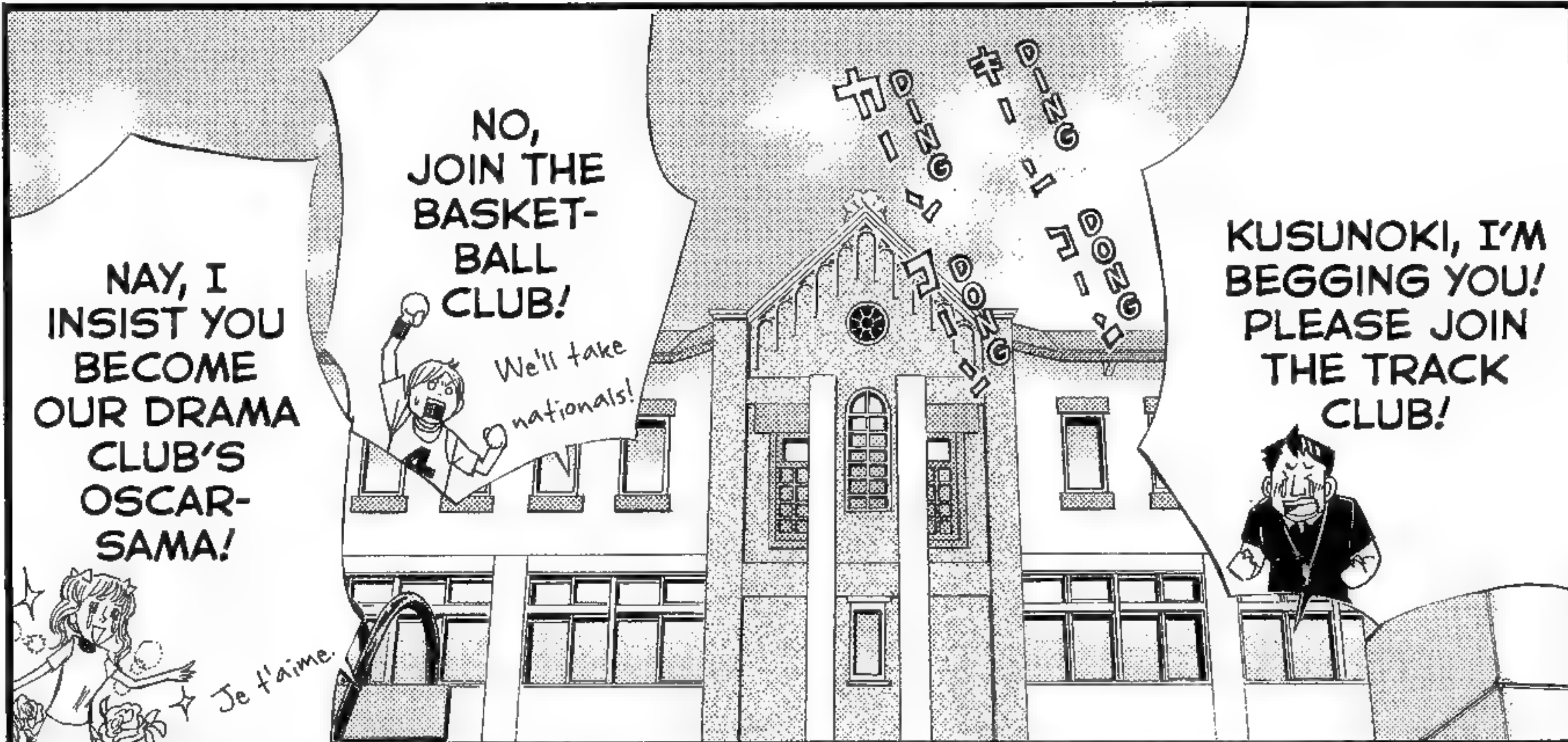


THEY'RE
NOT
AFRAID
OF ME?

IT SOUNDS
LIKE YUTA IS
GETTING THE
SAME KIND OF
TREATMENT...

WE'RE IN THE
MIDDLE OF
CLASS!

YOU'RE
SO COOL,
NAMI-
SEMPAI!

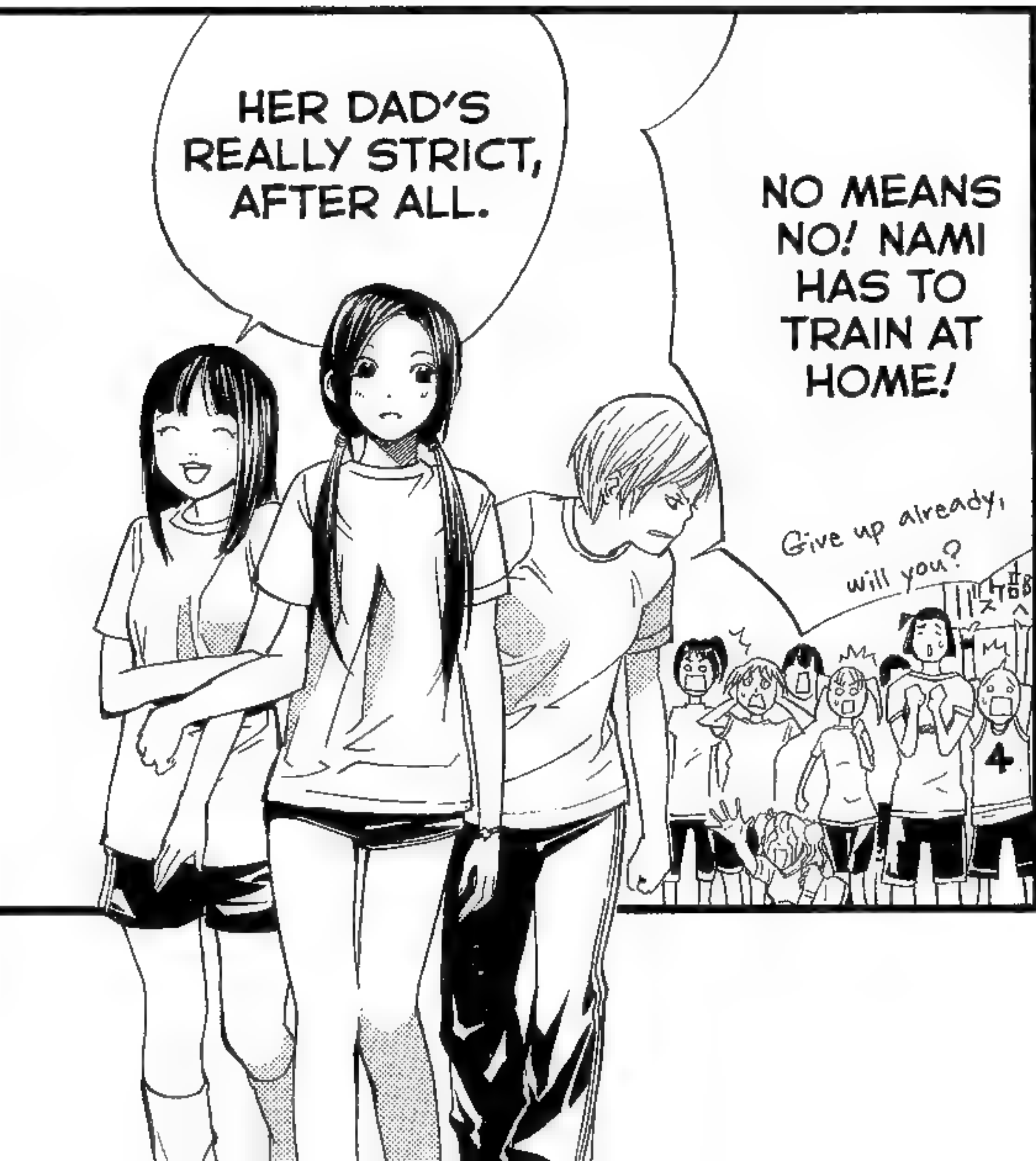


NAY, I
INSIST YOU
BECOME
OUR DRAMA
CLUB'S
OSCAR-
SAMA!

NO,
JOIN THE
BASKET-
BALL
CLUB!

We'll take
nationals!

KUSUNOKI, I'M
BEGGING YOU!
PLEASE JOIN
THE TRACK
CLUB!



HER DAD'S
REALLY STRICT,
AFTER ALL.

NO MEANS
NO! NAMI
HAS TO
TRAIN AT
HOME!

Give up already,
will you?



SNATCH

UMM...
I...



I'LL PASS.
I'M GOING TO
MCDONALDS
WITH MY
BOYFRIEND.

LET'S GO
HANG OUT
SOMEWHERE
TODAY!

I'M
TELLING
YOU,
THAT'S
NOT IT...

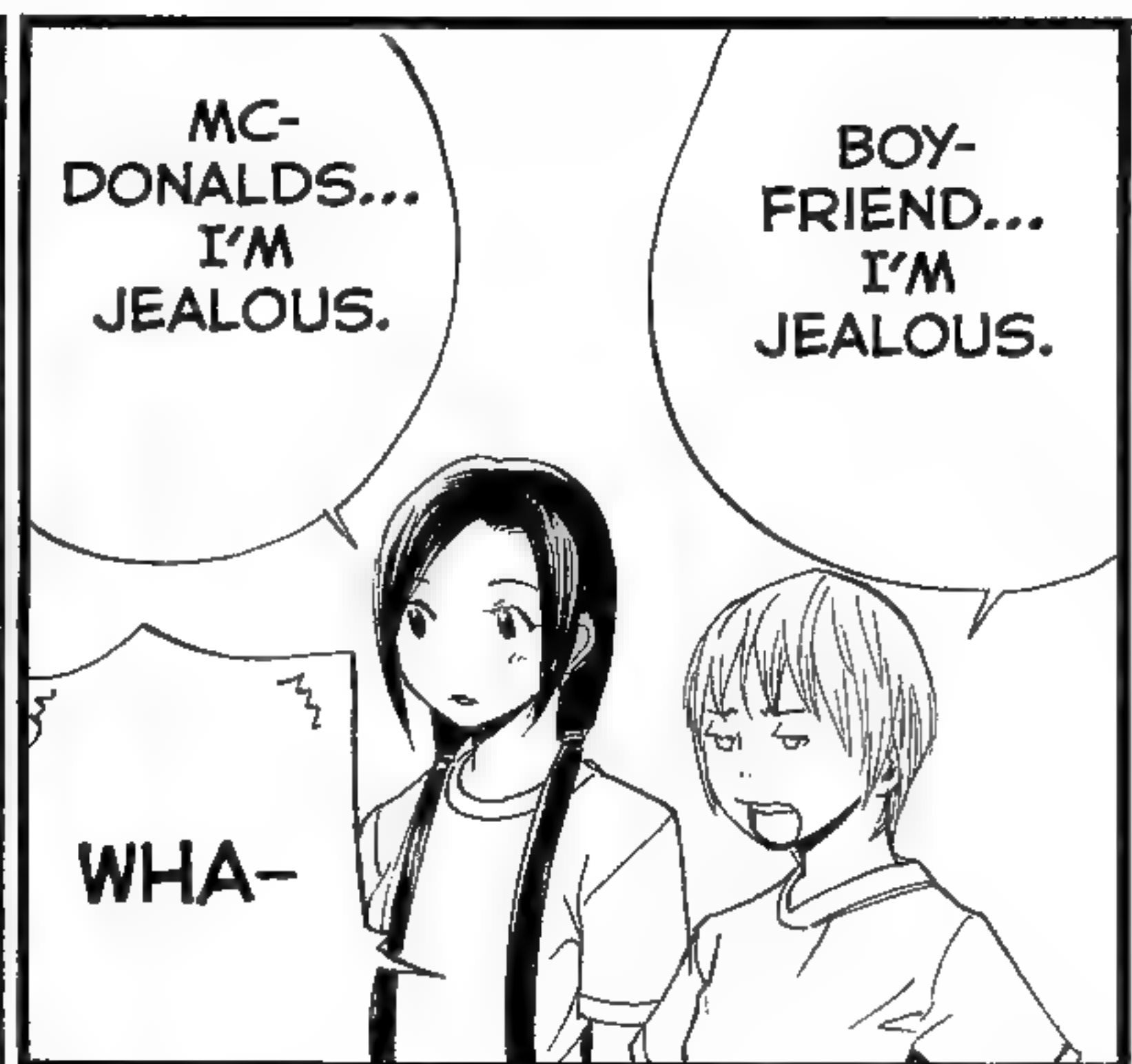
DIDN'T
YOU SKIP
SCHOOL TO
GO TO TOKYO
THE OTHER
DAY, NAMI?
DID YOU GO
TO SEE A
GUY?!



NAMI HAS TO
TAKE OVER
HER FAMILY'S
DOJO, AFTER
ALL.

THAT'S
WHY HER
PARENTS
ARE SO
STRICT
WITH HER.

OH, YEAH. YOU
SAID YOUR MOM
IS DOING A LOT
BETTER THESE
DAYS, RIGHT?



MC-
DONALDS...
I'M
JEALOUS.

BOY-
FRIEND...
I'M
JEALOUS.

WHA-



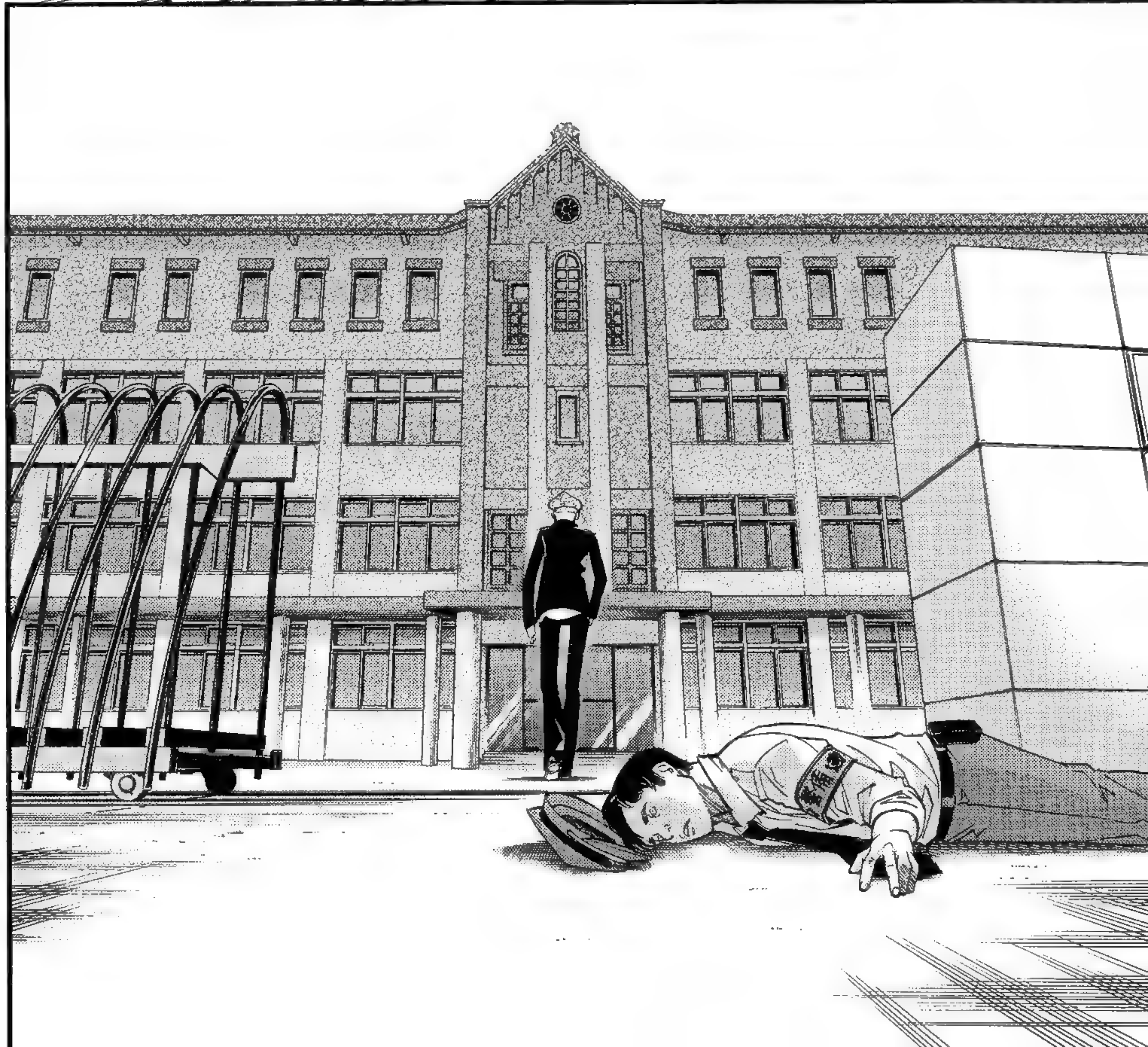
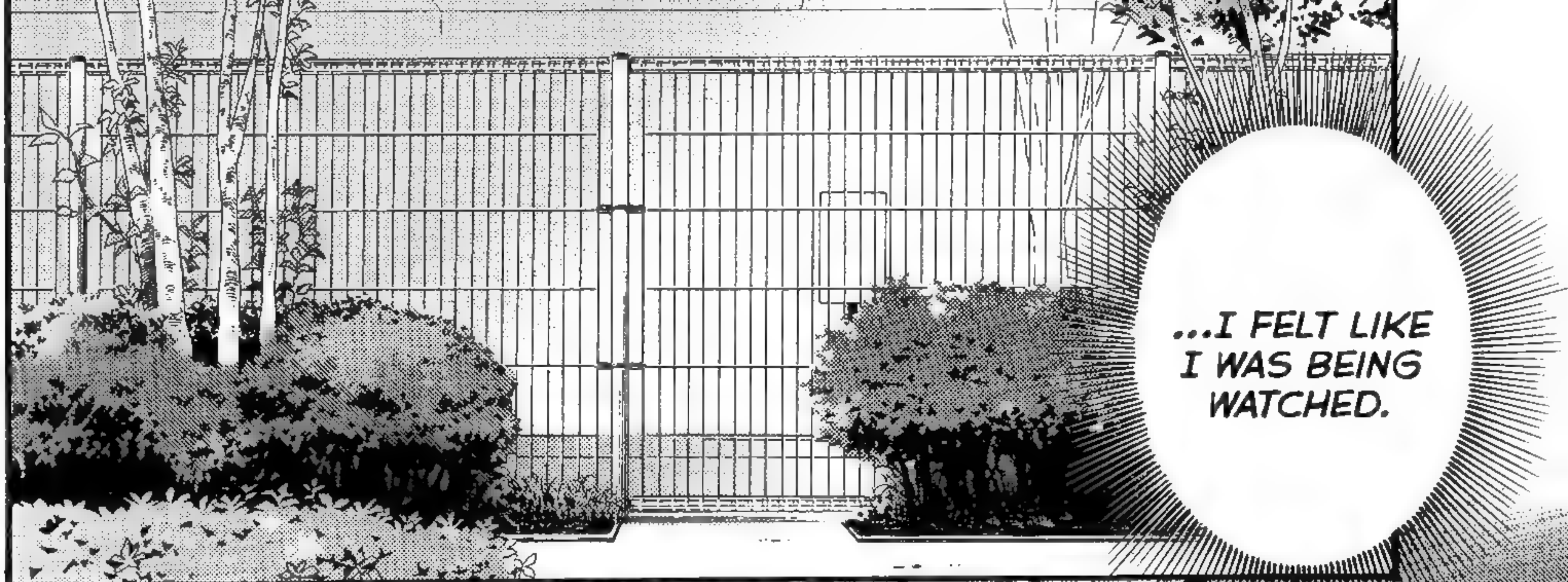
WAIT! HAVE
YOU NEVER
EATEN
MCDONALDS
BEFORE?!

YOU'RE
MORE
JEALOUS
ABOUT
MCDONALDS
THAN THE
BOYFRIEND?!

SHE ISN'T
ALLOWED
TO HAVE
A CELL
PHONE OR
COMPUTER,
EITHER.

WHAAAAAT?!





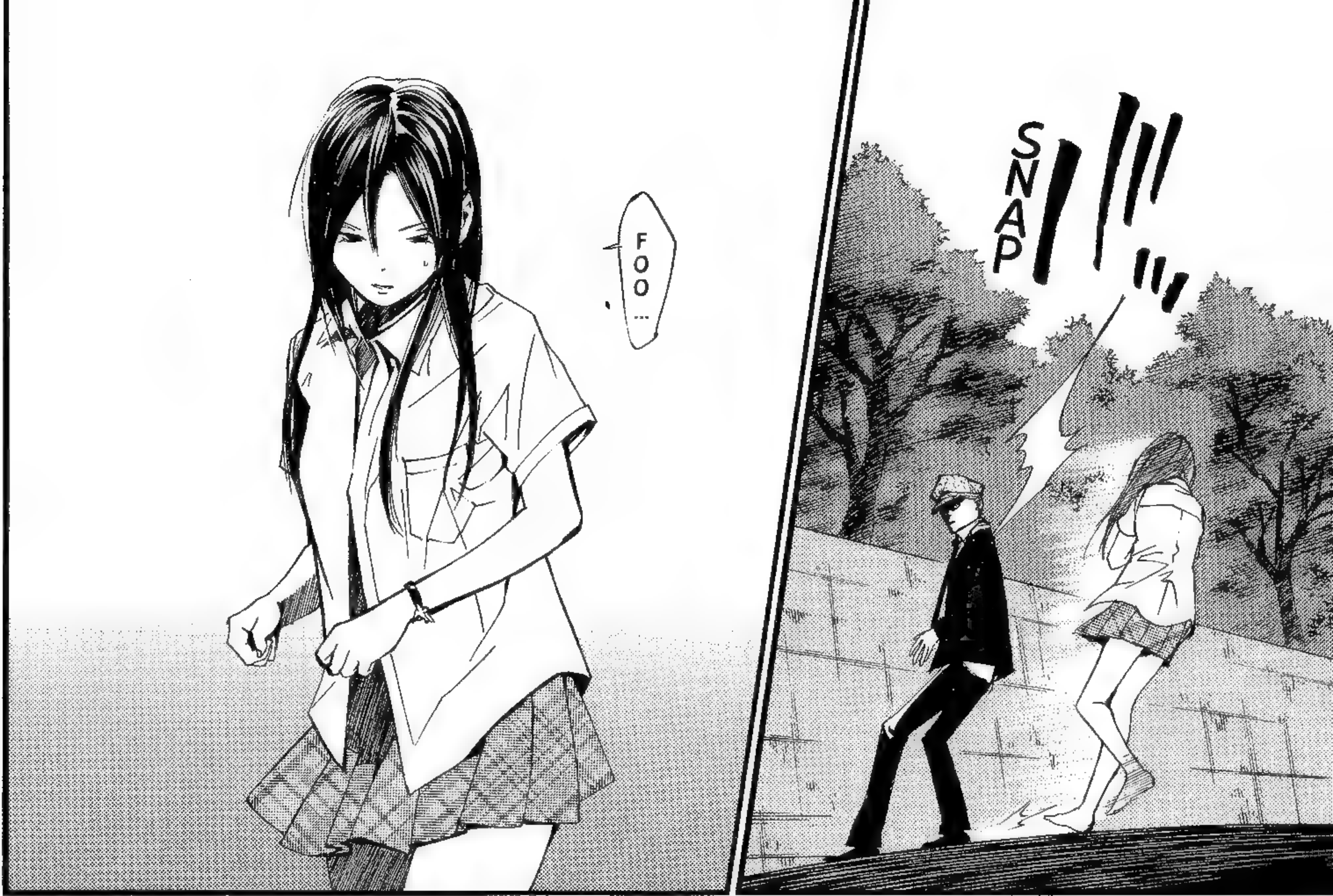






NAMI...

KÜSU-
NOKI.







I CAN'T
USE MY
POWER
HERE...

NAMI!

KIIII-!



WHO
THE
HELL
ARE
YOU?!

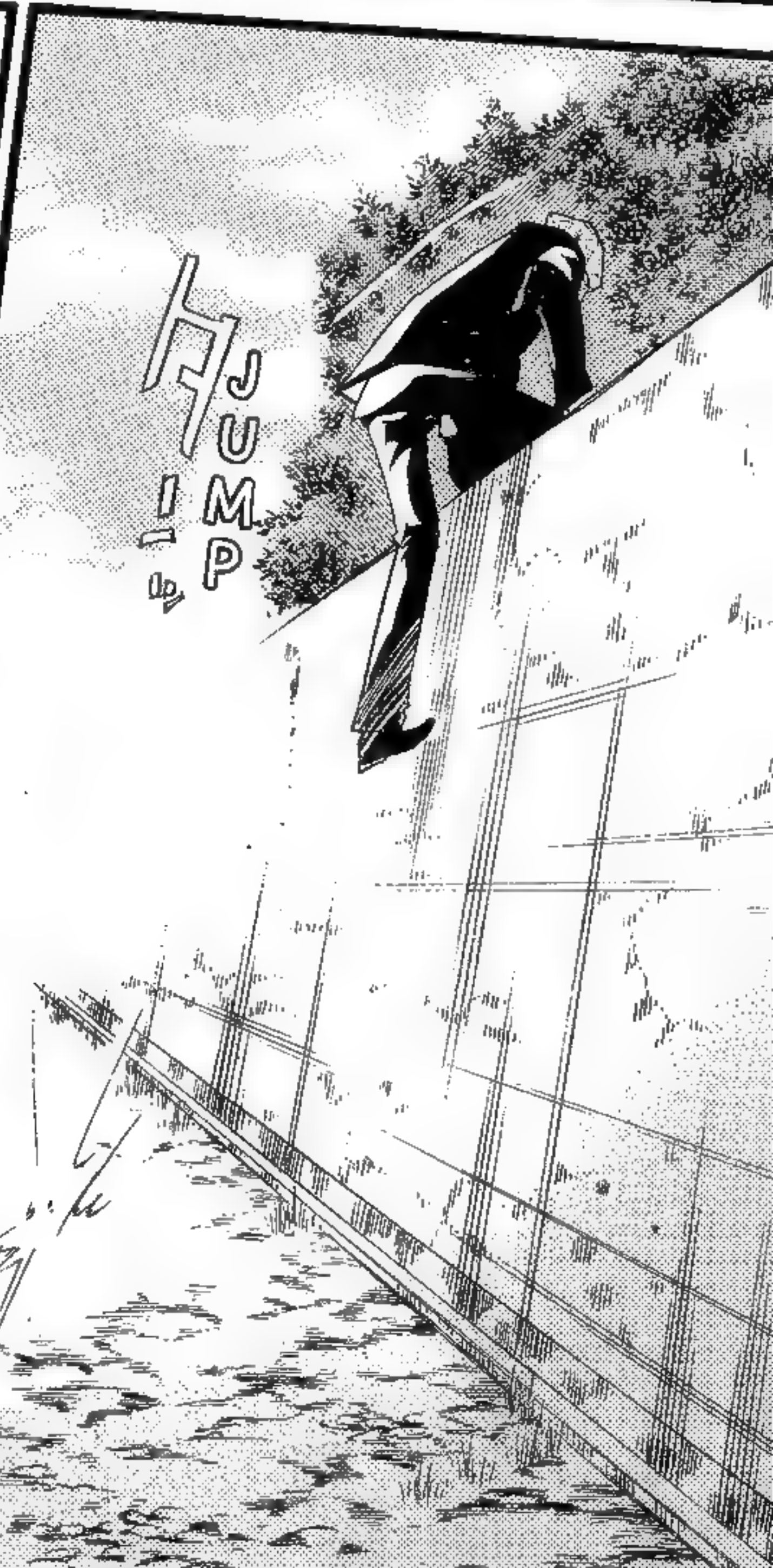


NAMI,
ARE
YOU
OKAY?!

HOLD
IT!



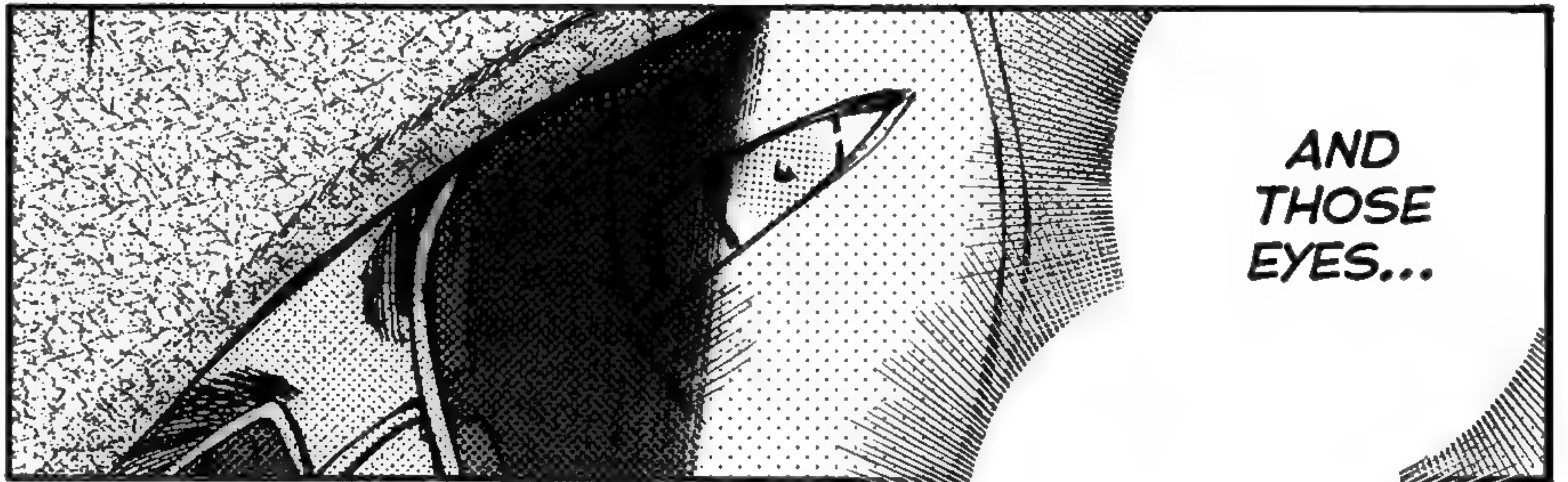
NAMI
KUSU-
NOKI
...



HUMP



HE
KNOWS
WHO I
AM.

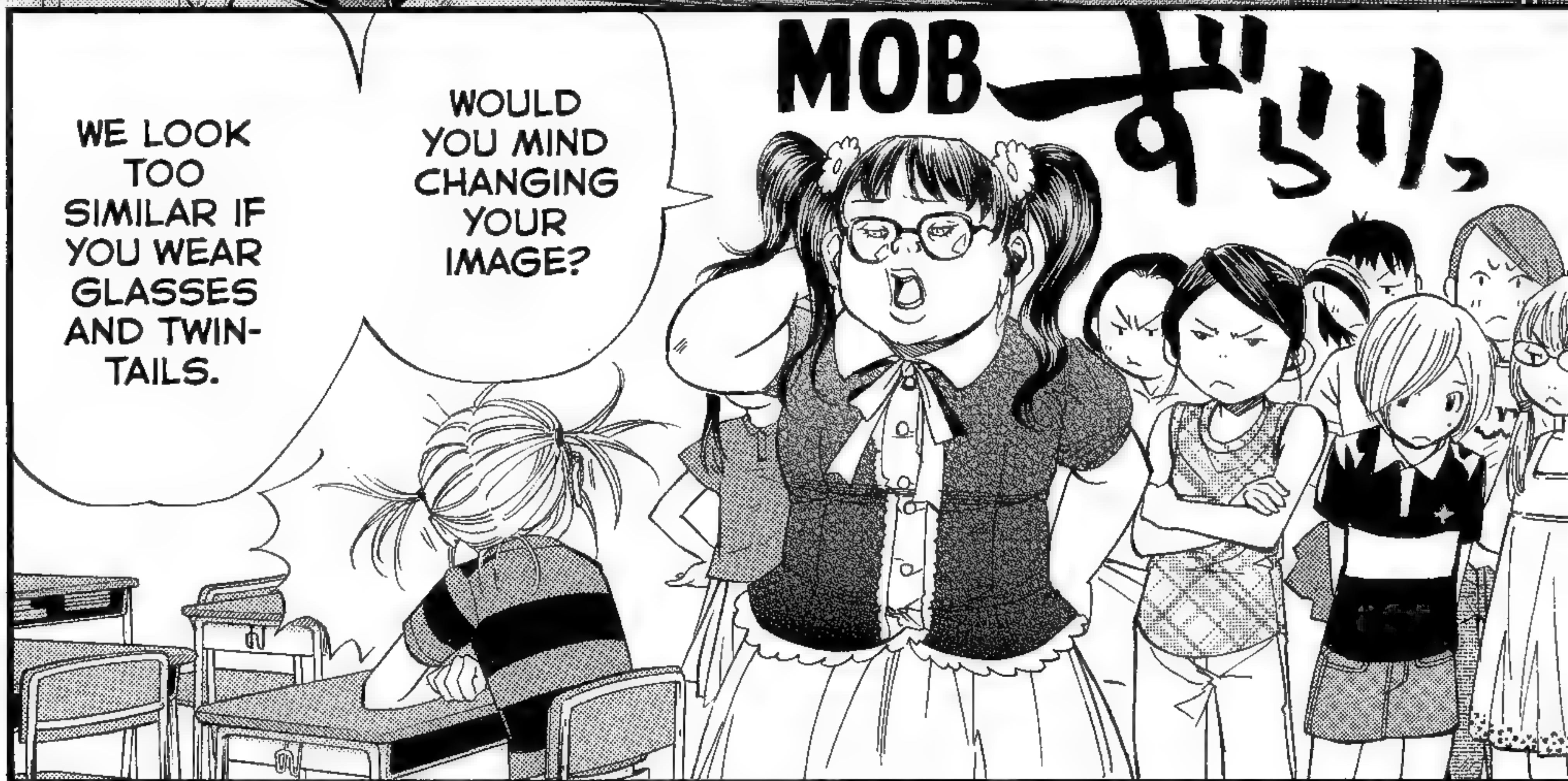


AND
THOSE
EYES...

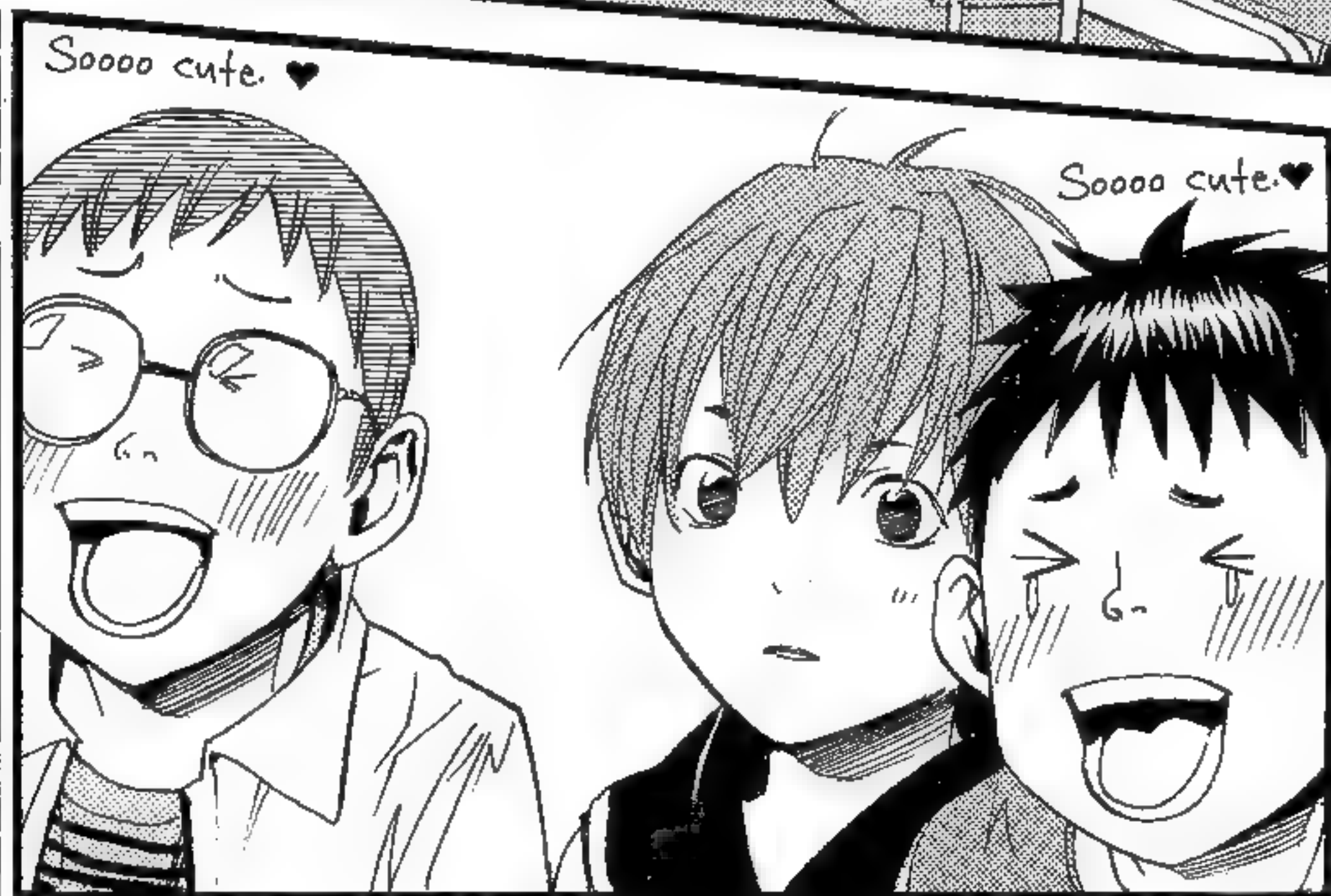
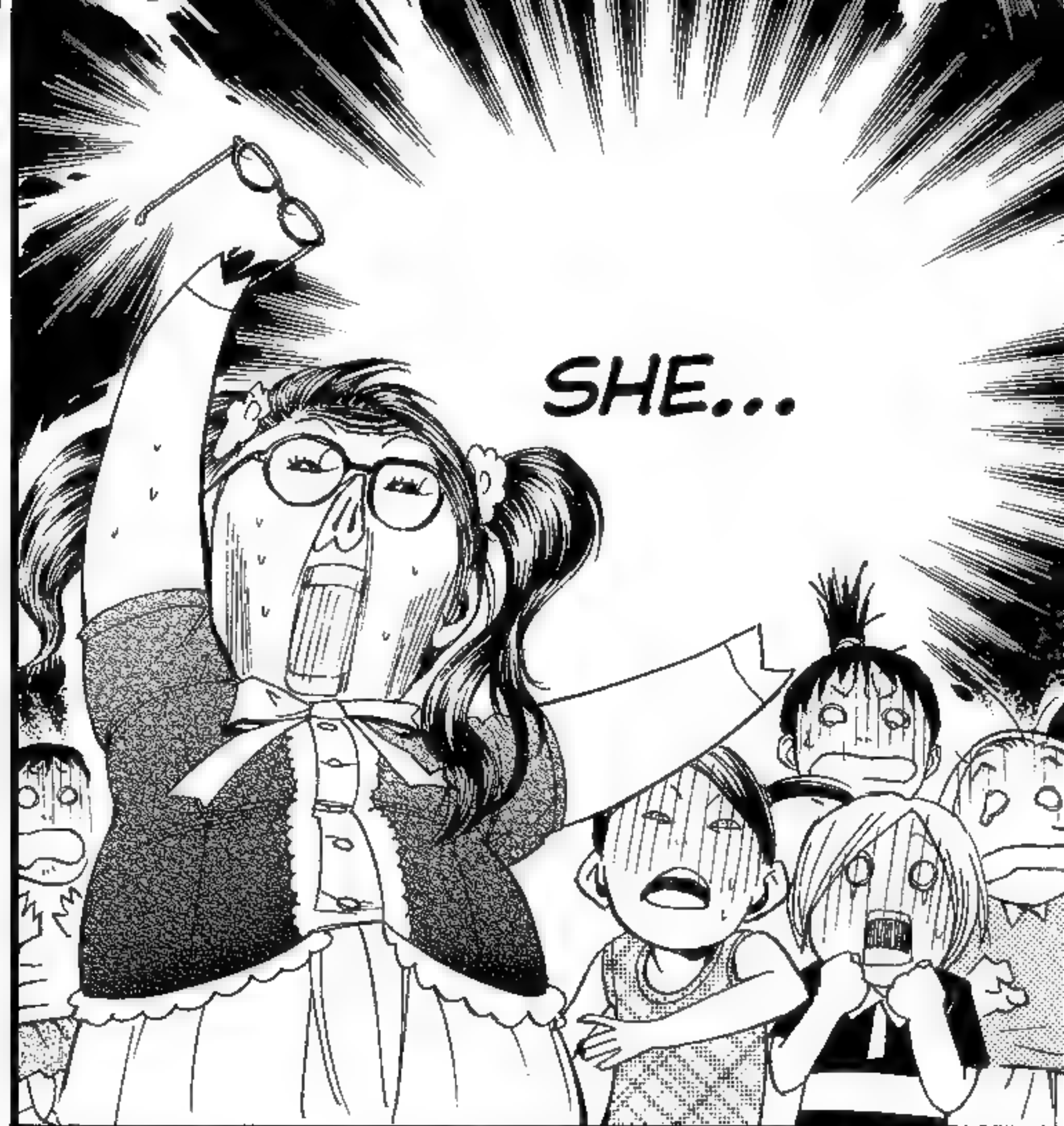
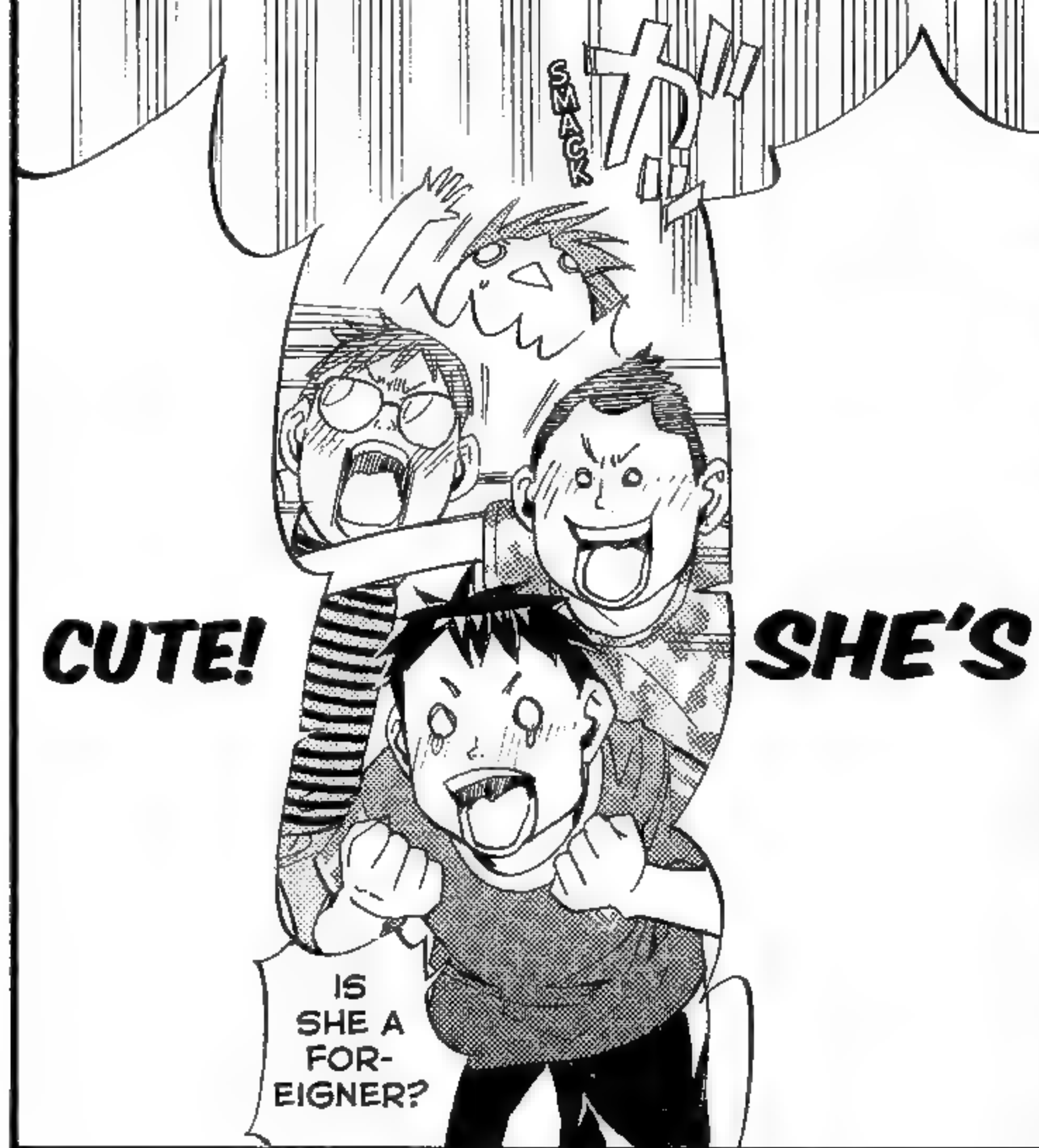


HE'S A
COMRADE!

CAN I
HAVE A
WORD,
AOI-SAN?



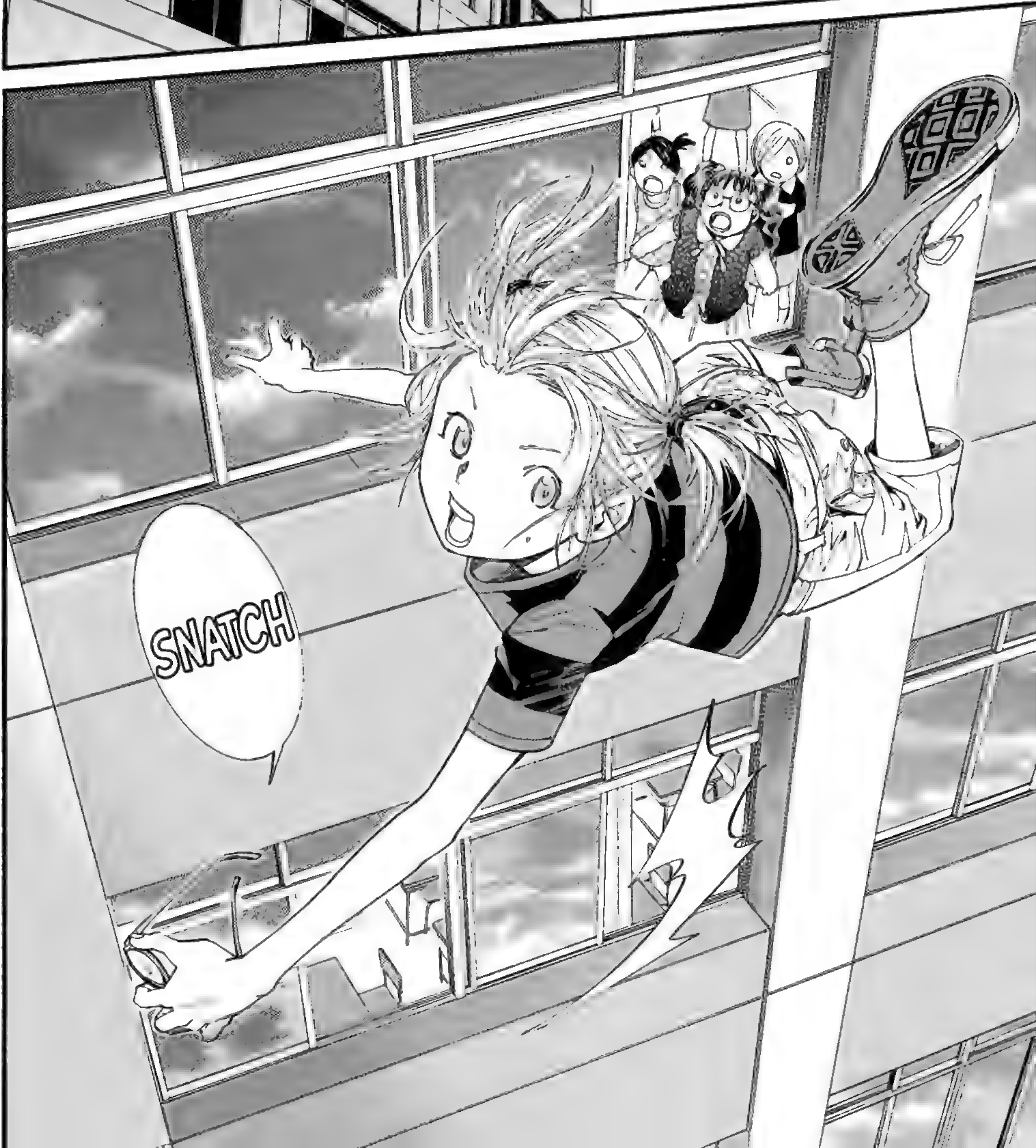






...GO GET
THEM
YOUR-
SELF!







AIIII!

SHE'S
FALL-

H-HOW
IS SHE
OKAY?!

WHAT?!

?

HUH?!



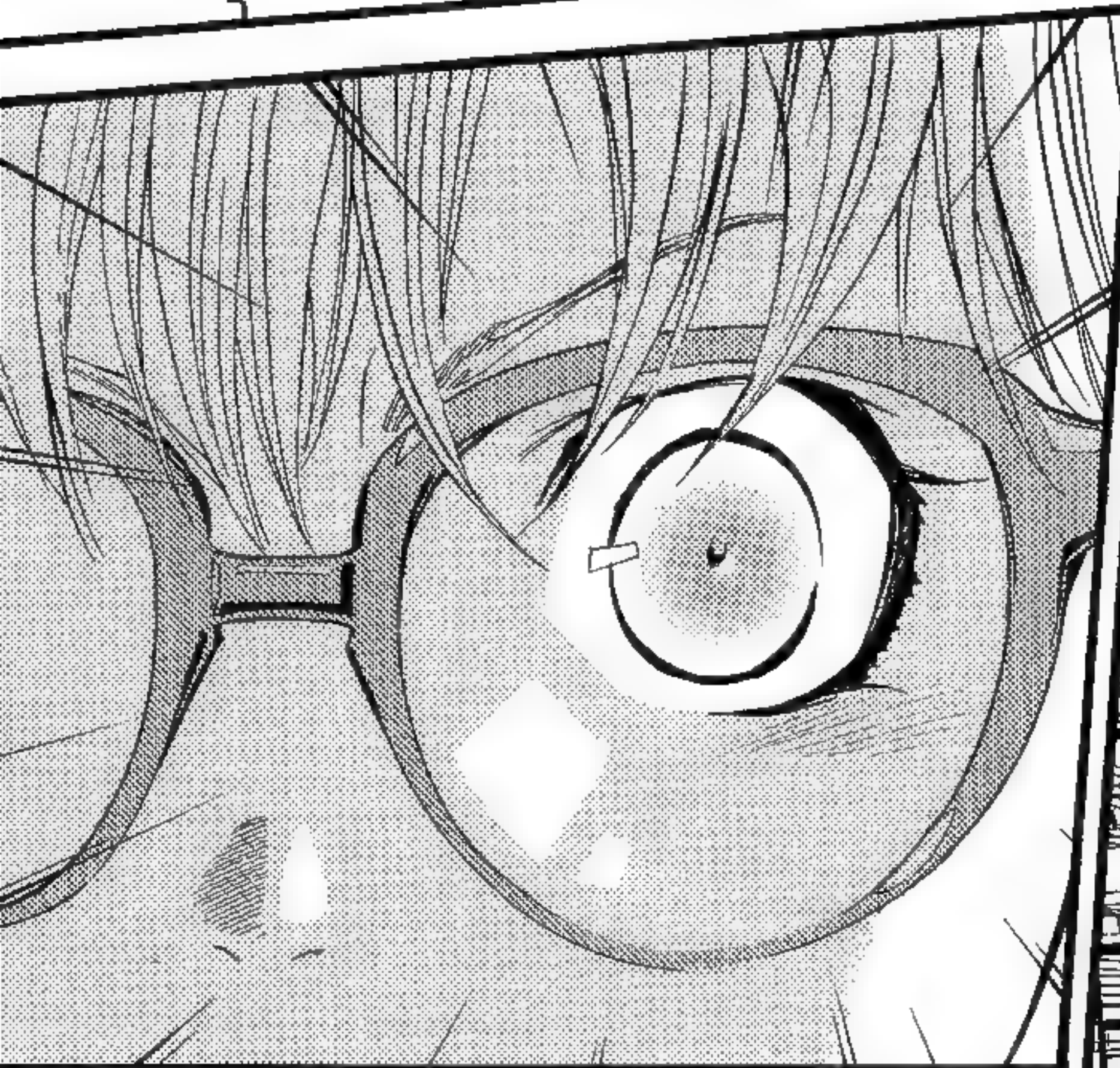
THIS
IS THE
THIRD
FLOOR...



NO NORMAL
PERSON
WOULD BE
FINE JUMPING
FROM THAT
HEIGHT.

YOU'RE A
COMRADE,
AREN'T
YOU?!

WHISH



ISOLATE!

BWOM



GYOOM

?!

CLACK



SKAPP SKAPP

VWEEN

VROM

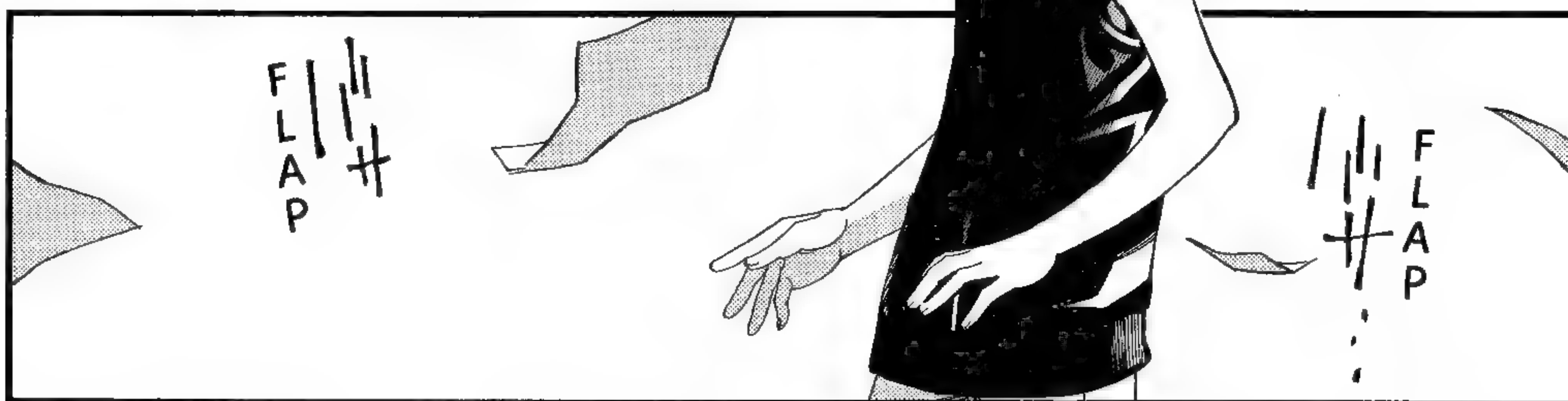
WHOA!

WHAT'S WITH THIS GIRL?!

HUH?!



**SHE'S
FAST!**



FLAP

FLAP



**...LET
SOMEONE
LIKE YOU
SEE
TAI-NII!**

**I
WON'T
...**



**S
H
O
R
T
Y
!**

**YOU'RE
TOO
SLOW!**

**AS IF I'LL
LET YOU
CATCH
ME!**





I CAN'T
BELIEVE
WE'VE BEEN
LOOKING SO
HARD FOR
SOMEONE
LIKE YOU...

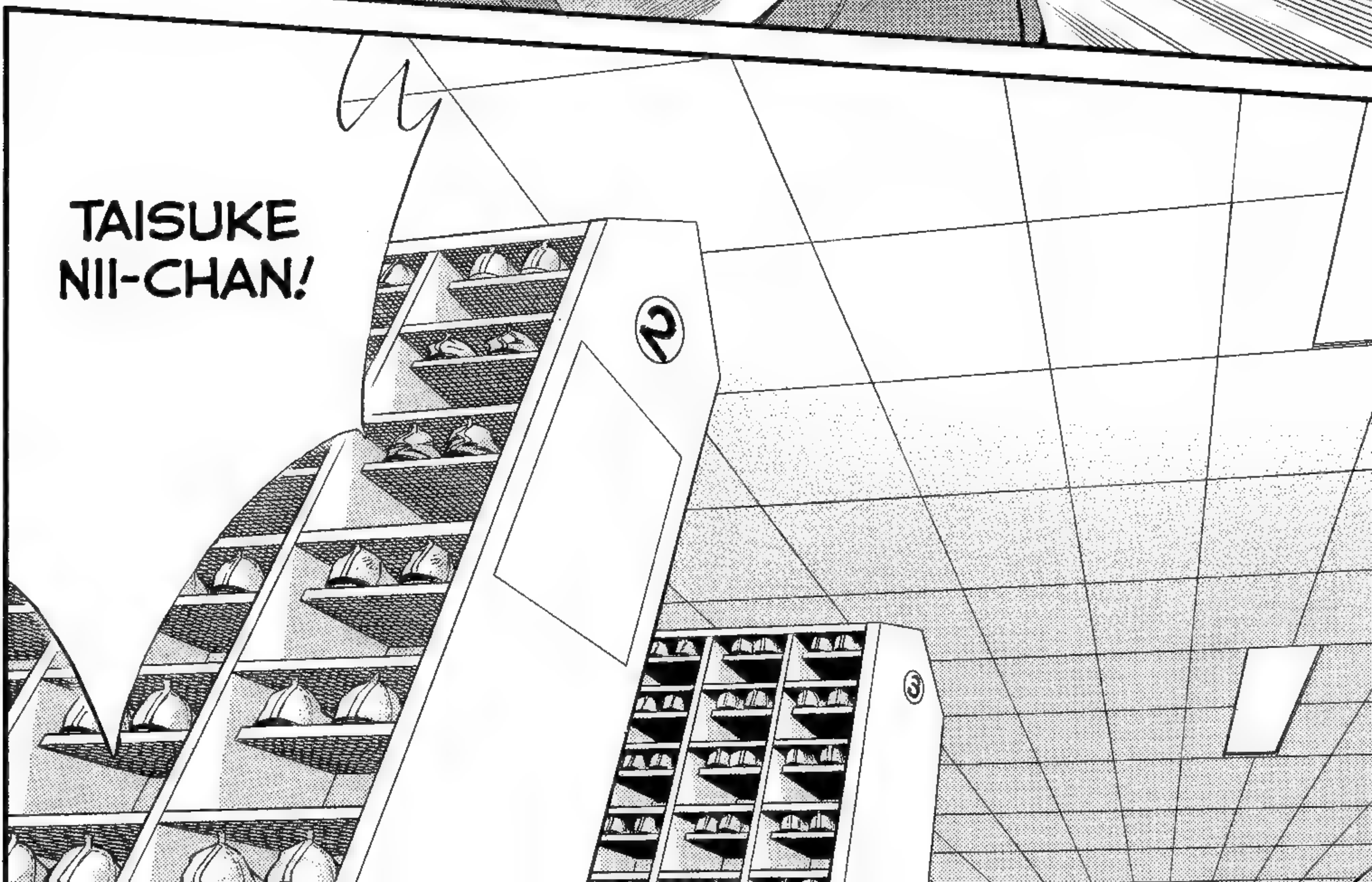
YOU
FORGOT
ABOUT TAI-
NII...?



BAD
DUMP



**I MEAN
TAISUKE!**



**TAISUKE
NII-CHAN!**



TAISUKE....?

T-



ALIVE

We are alive on this planet, and they arrived... THE FINAL EVOLUTION



WISH
SOMEONE
WOULD
TREAT ME.

To some
sweets...

I'M
STAR-
VING
...



YOU
THERE,
YOUNG
MAN.



Y
U
R
A

A
N
D

L
I
O
N





WHEN IT
COMES
TO TRASH
LIKE YOU,

NORMALLY
I'D JUST
SCATTER
YOU TO THE
WINDS.

I DON'T
USUALLY
DO THIS,
Y'KNOW.



YOUR OLD
ONE WAS
LAME,
ANYWAY.

I'LL GIVE
YOU A NEW
NAME.



YOU'RE
BEAUTIFUL.

YEAH...



DANDE.

YURA AND LION / END

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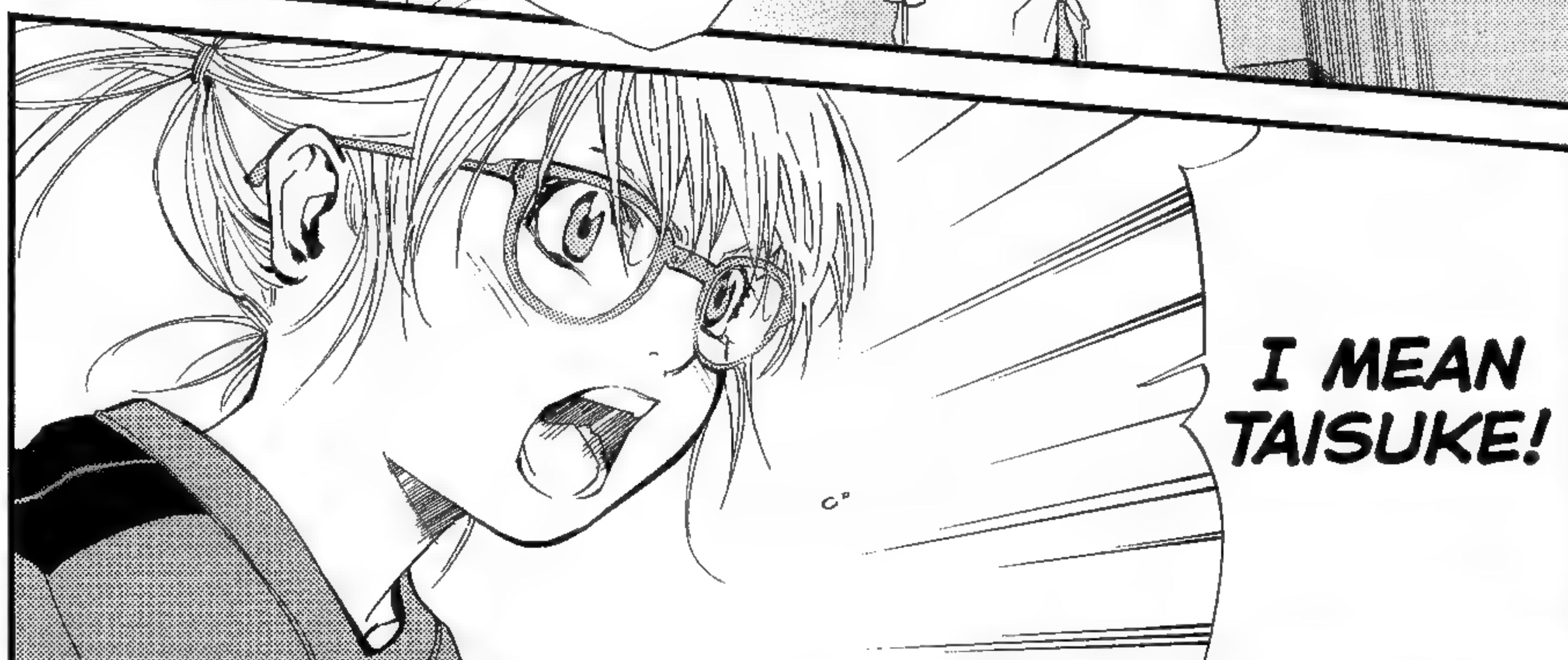
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TAI-
SUKU'S
...

++...

...
ALIVE?

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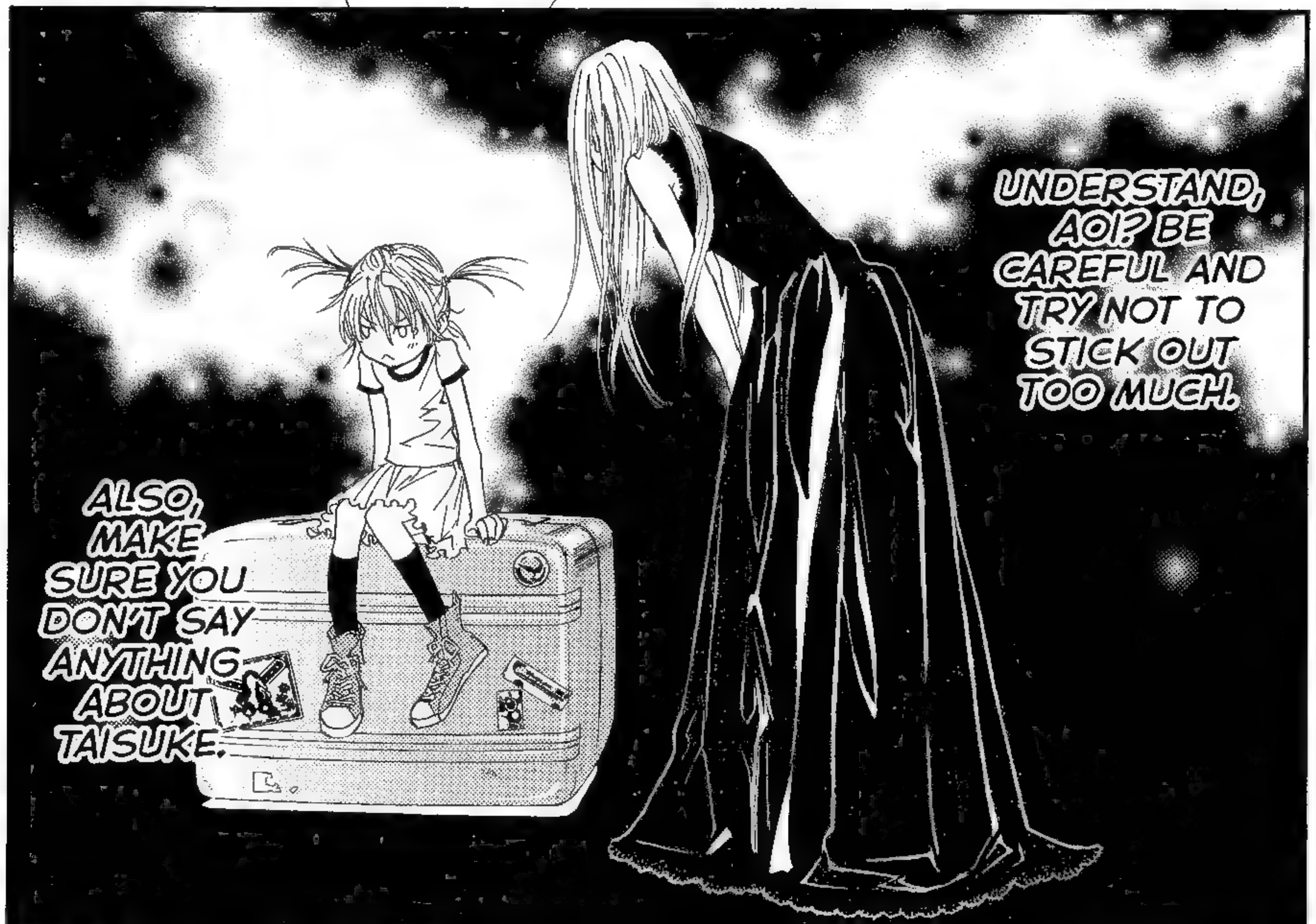
Miss Him?

Man knows so much and does so little.



I'LL TELL
MAMA IT'S
A WASTE
OF TIME...

THERE'S
NO POINT
KEEPING
AN EYE ON
THIS JERK!



ALSO,
MAKE
SURE YOU
DON'T SAY
ANYTHING
ABOUT
TAISUKE.

UNDERSTAND,
AOI? BE
CAREFUL AND
TRY NOT TO
STICK OUT
TOO MUCH.



BY
TAISUKE,
DO YOU
MEAN
TAISUKE
KANOU?!

OH, CRAP!
MAMA TOLD
ME TO KEEP
QUIET ABOUT
TAI-NII!



I KNEW IT!

AH!

HUH?!
THERE'S NO
COMRADE
BY THAT
NAME!



OH!

I HAVE
TO TELL
YOUKO-
NEE
AND THE
OTHERS!

WHERE
IS TAI-
SUKE
NOW?

ううう
ううう
ううう

I SEE...



HE'S
ALIVE!



WHAT'S
THAT GUY
DOING? IF
HE'S ALIVE,
THEN...

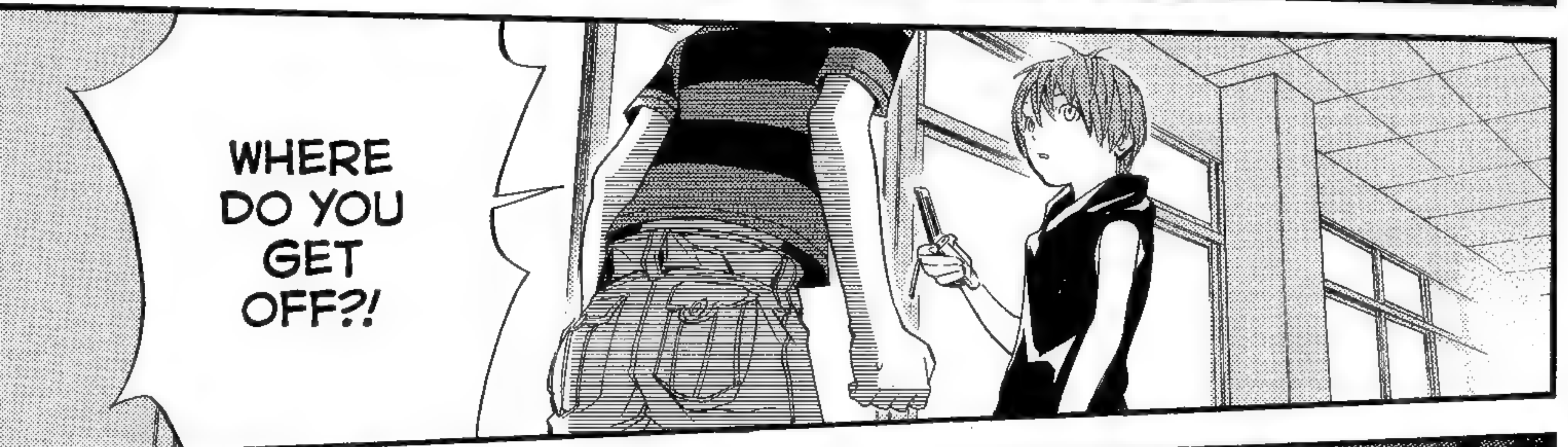


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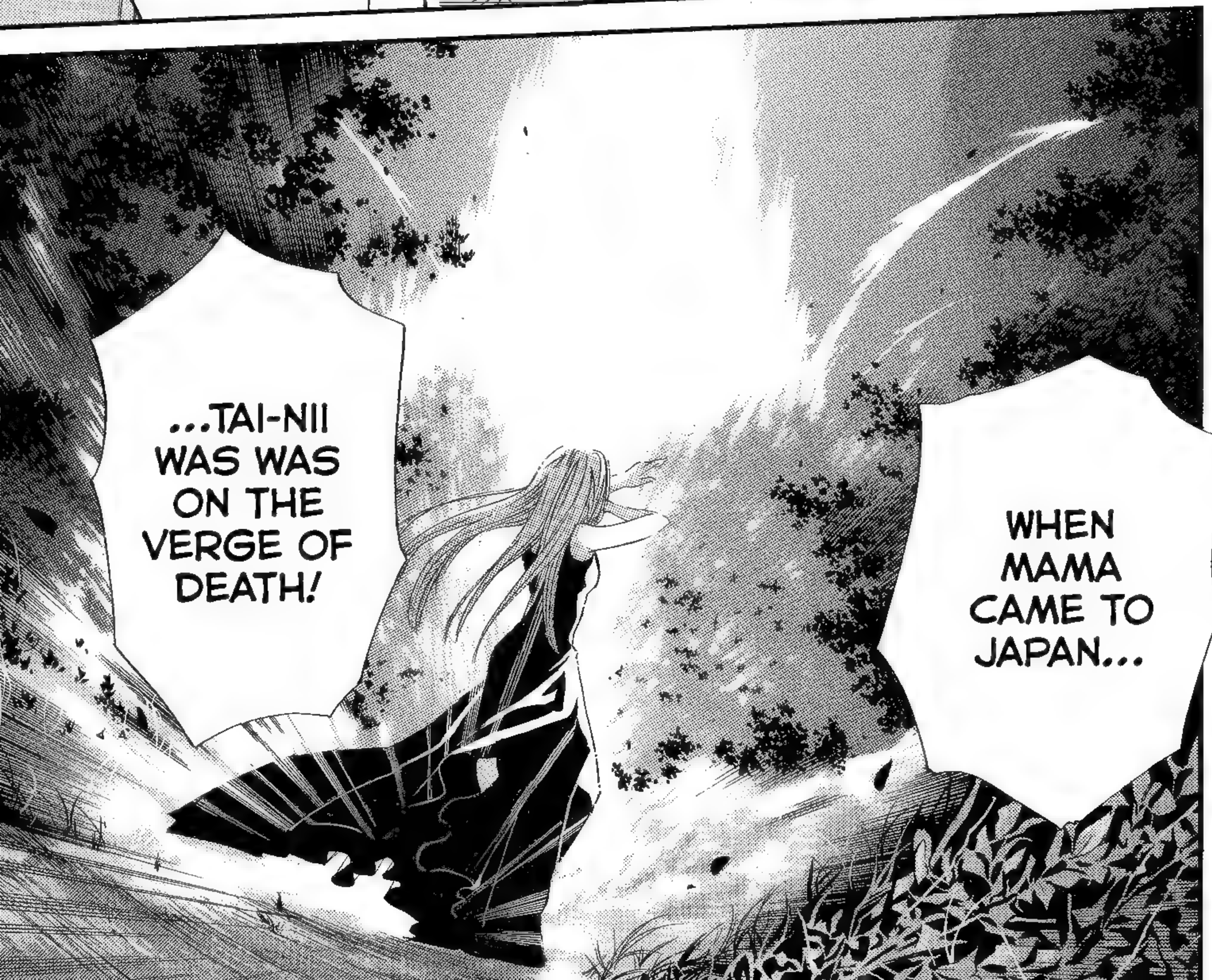


IS HE
BEING KEPT
SOMEWHERE
...?

WHY
WON'T
HE COME
HOME?

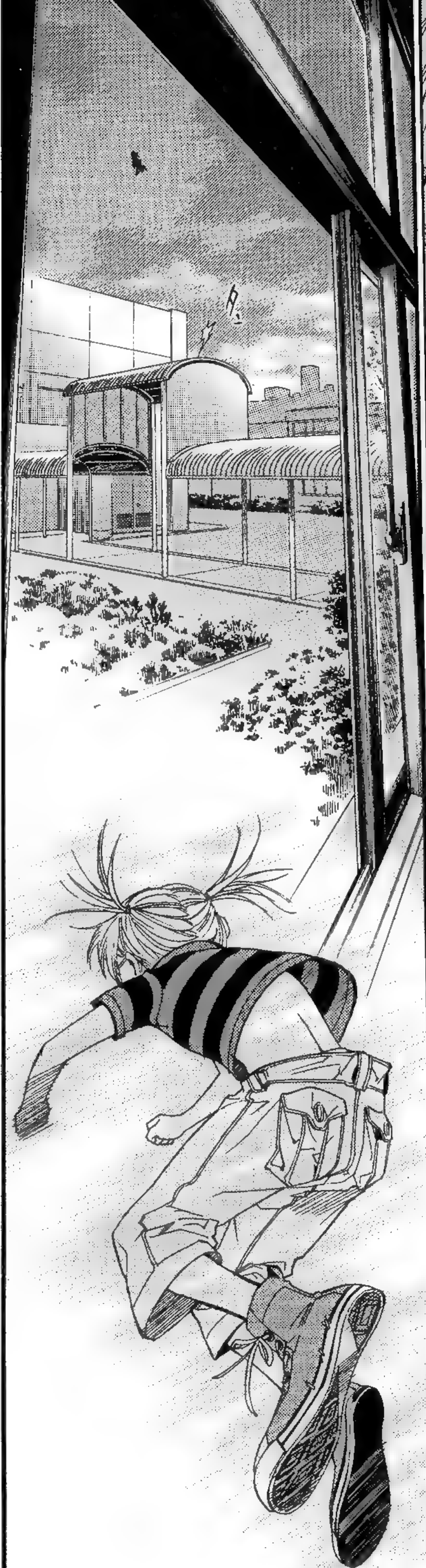


WHERE
DO YOU
GET
OFF?!



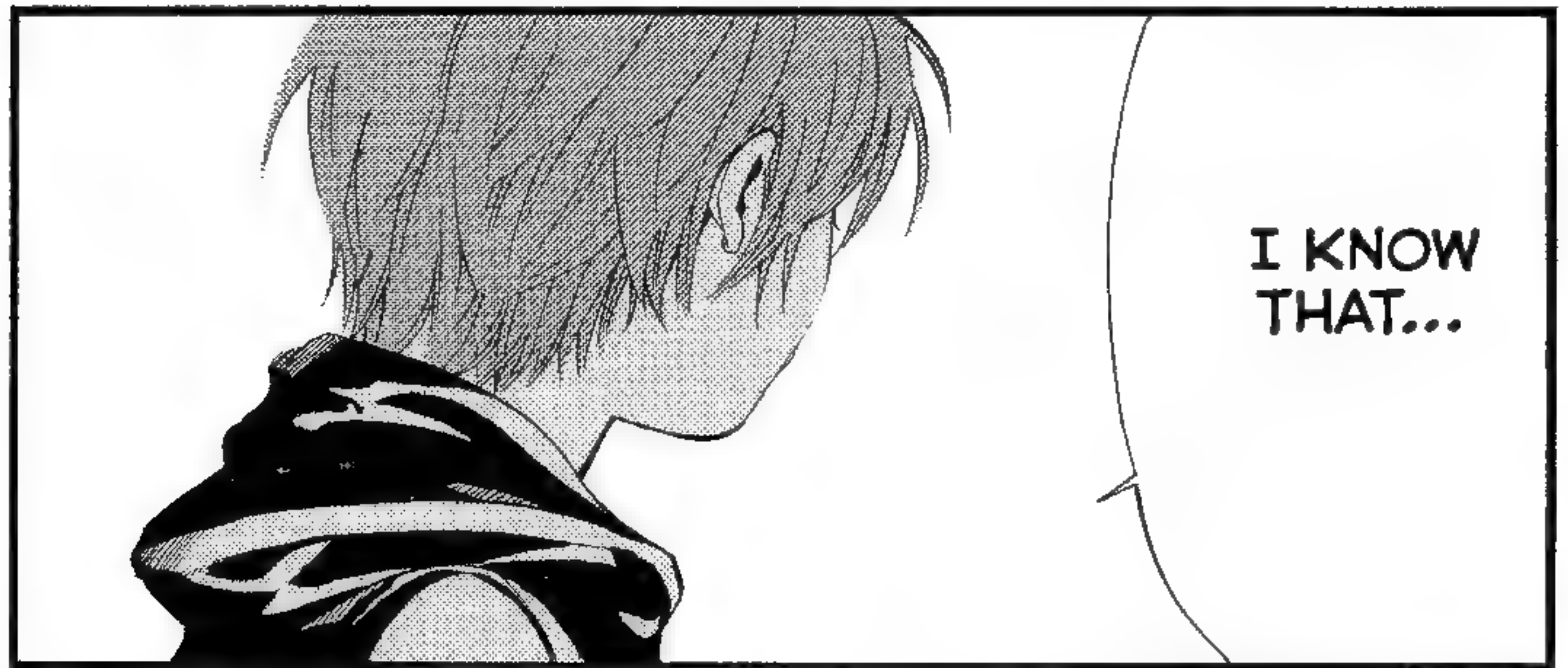
...TAI-NII
WAS WAS
ON THE
VERGE OF
DEATH!

WHEN
MAMA
CAME TO
JAPAN...





SINCE
THAT
DAY...



I KNOW
THAT...



...AOI
TEZUKA
STOPPED
COMING TO
SCHOOL.



BWEEHHHH!



**NO ONE
COULD
GET IN
TOUCH
WITH
HER.**

**HER
ADDRESS
AND PHONE
NUMBER
WERE
CHANGED.**



**NO KIDDING.
SHE JUMPED
FROM THE THIRD
FLOOR...**

**OKADA
...**

**IT'S ALL
BECAUSE
I PICKED
ON HER!**



**B
W
A
H
H**



**...BECAUSE
I WANTED TO
APOLOGIZE...**

HIC

**I WENT
TO HER
HOUSE...**

HIC

**...BUT NO
ONE WAS
THERE!**



YUTA-KUN...

WAIT...

YOU KNOW
WHERE
TEZUKA-
SAN LIVES,
OKADA?!



AT FIRST,
SHE WAS
FOLLOWING
YOU, TOO,
YUTA-KUN.

...
HÜH?

"TOO"?

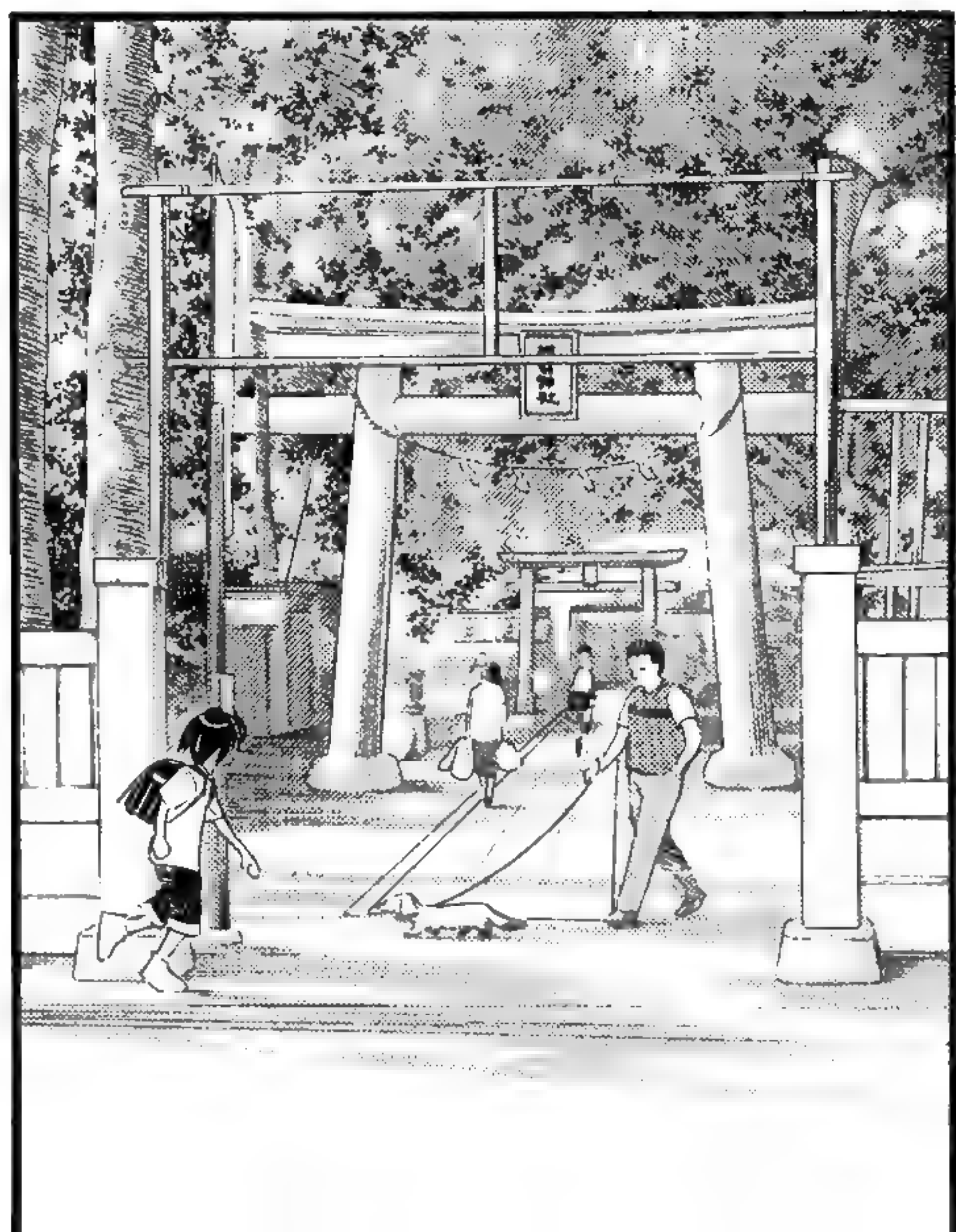
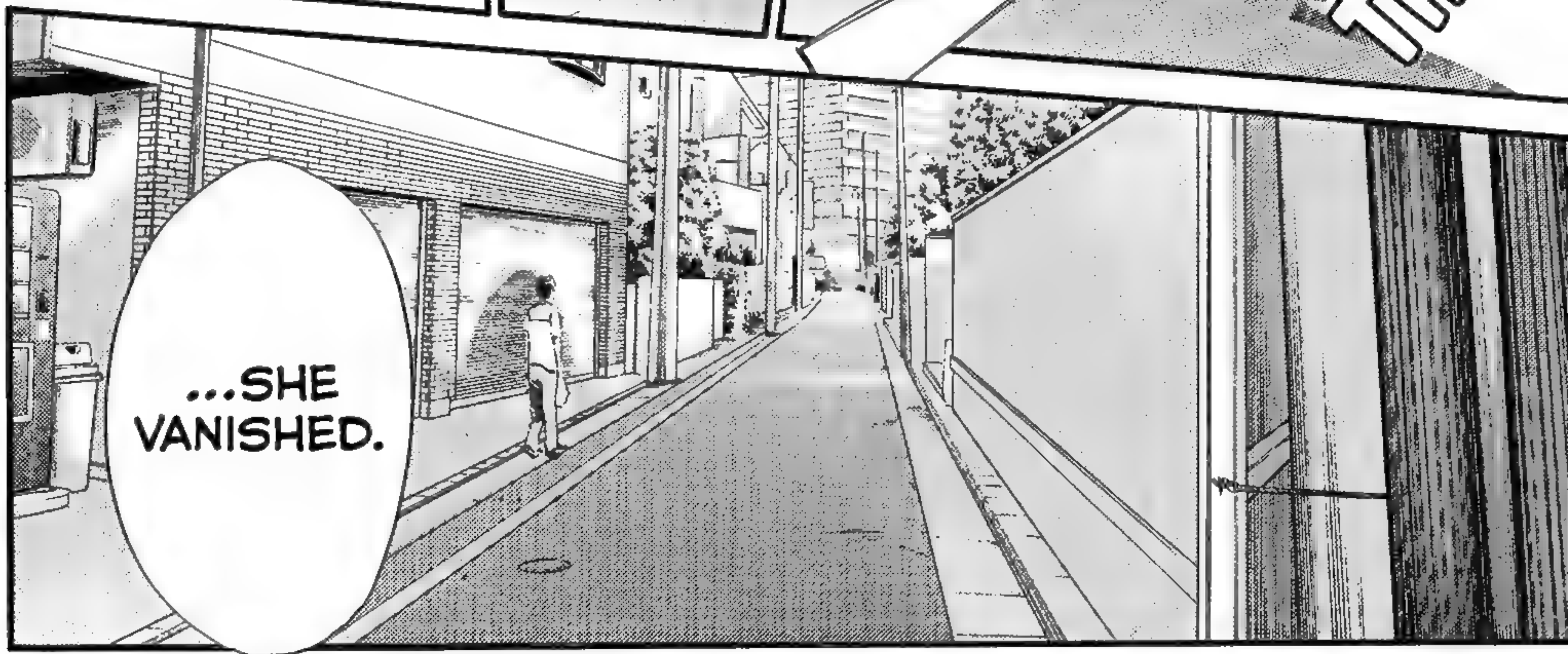


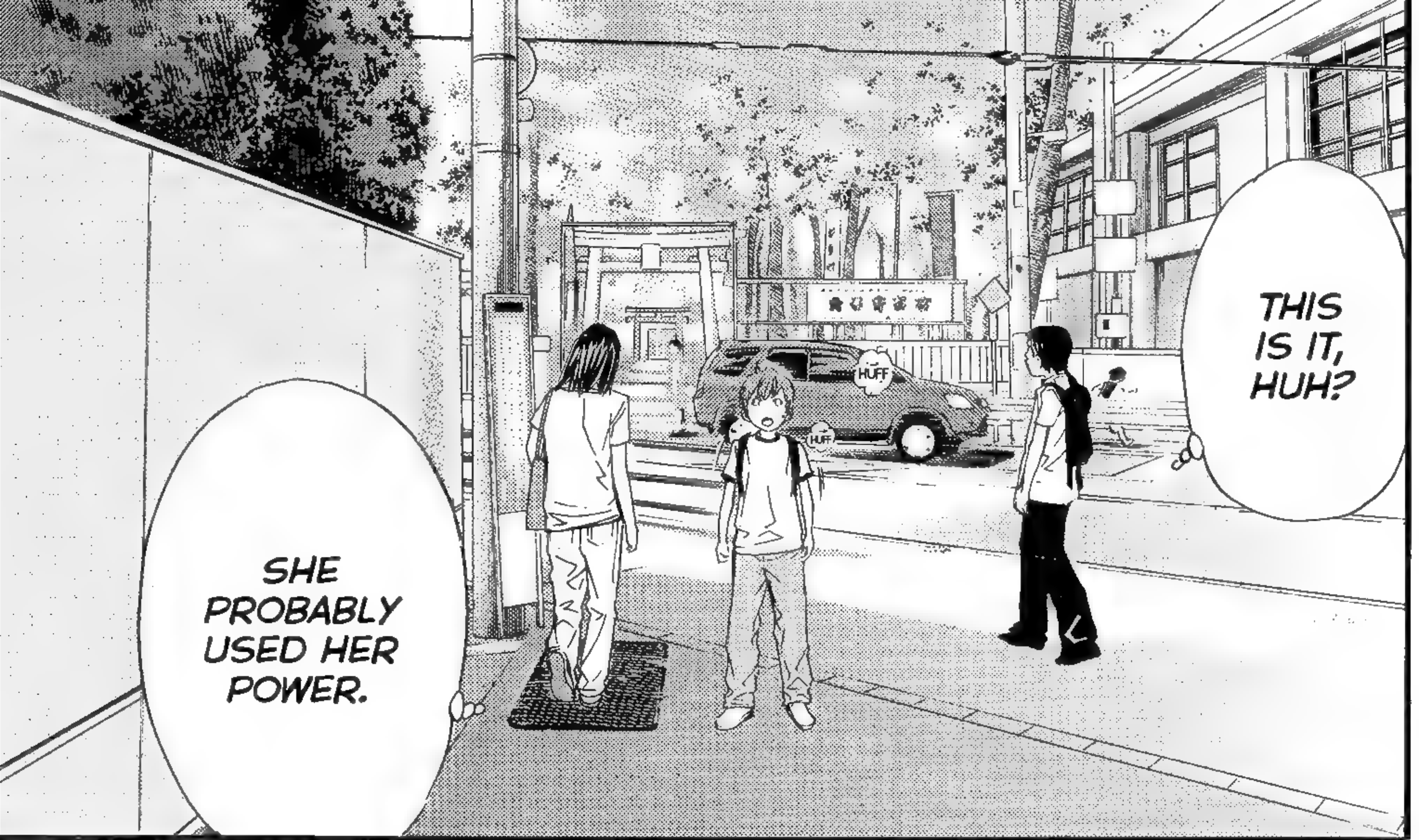
ACTUALLY,
IN ORDER
TO
KNOW MY
ENEMY...

...I TAILED
AOI-SAN
AFTER
SCHOOL
ONE
DAY.



BUT WHEN
SHE TURNED
THE CORNER
ONTO
THE MAIN
STREET...





SHE
PROBABLY
USED HER
POWER.

THIS
IS IT,
HUH?



...NORMAL
PEOPLE WOULD
PROBABLY JUST
THINK SHE
DISAPPEARED.

WITH THAT
SPEED...

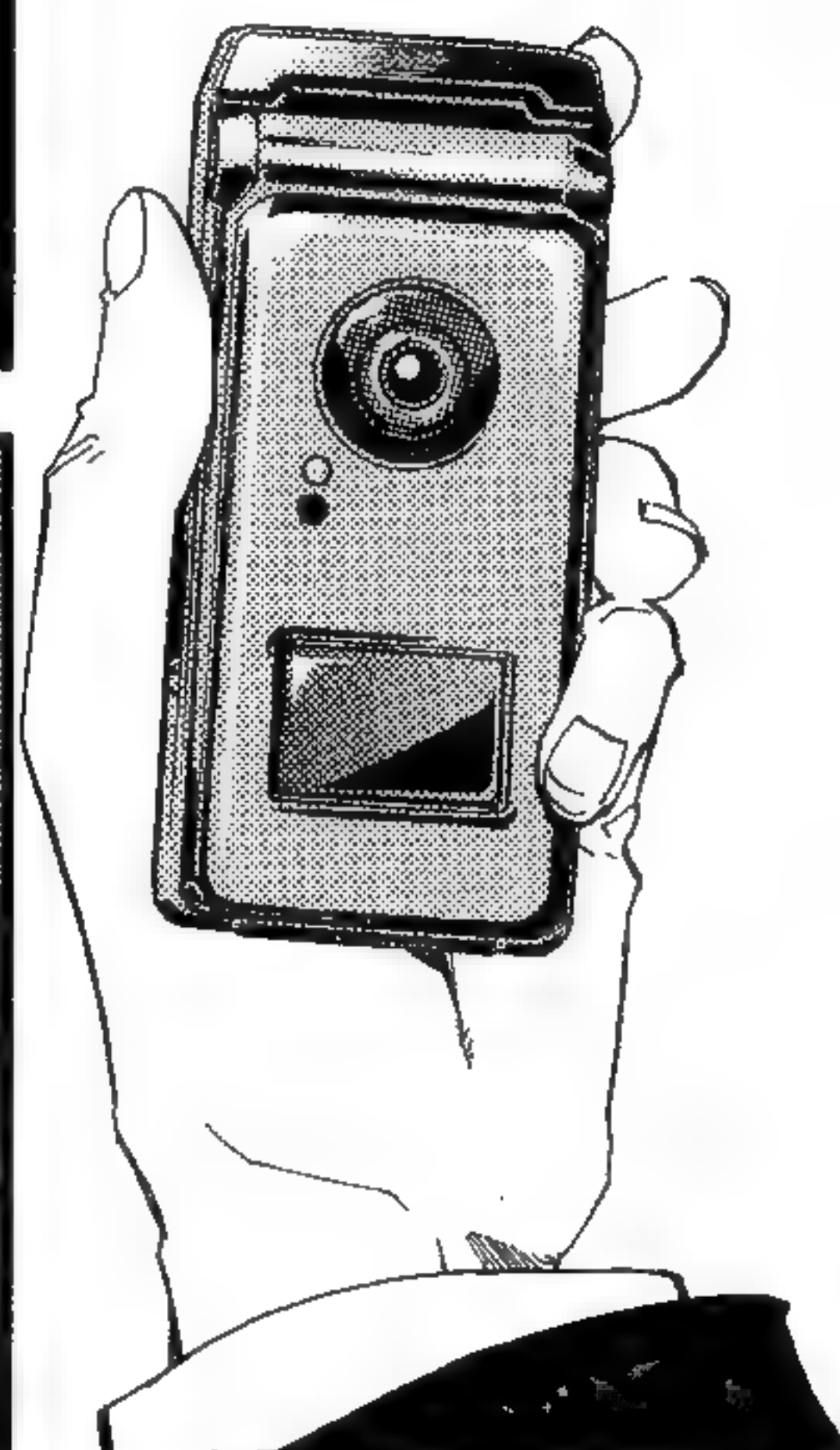


TAISUKE
...



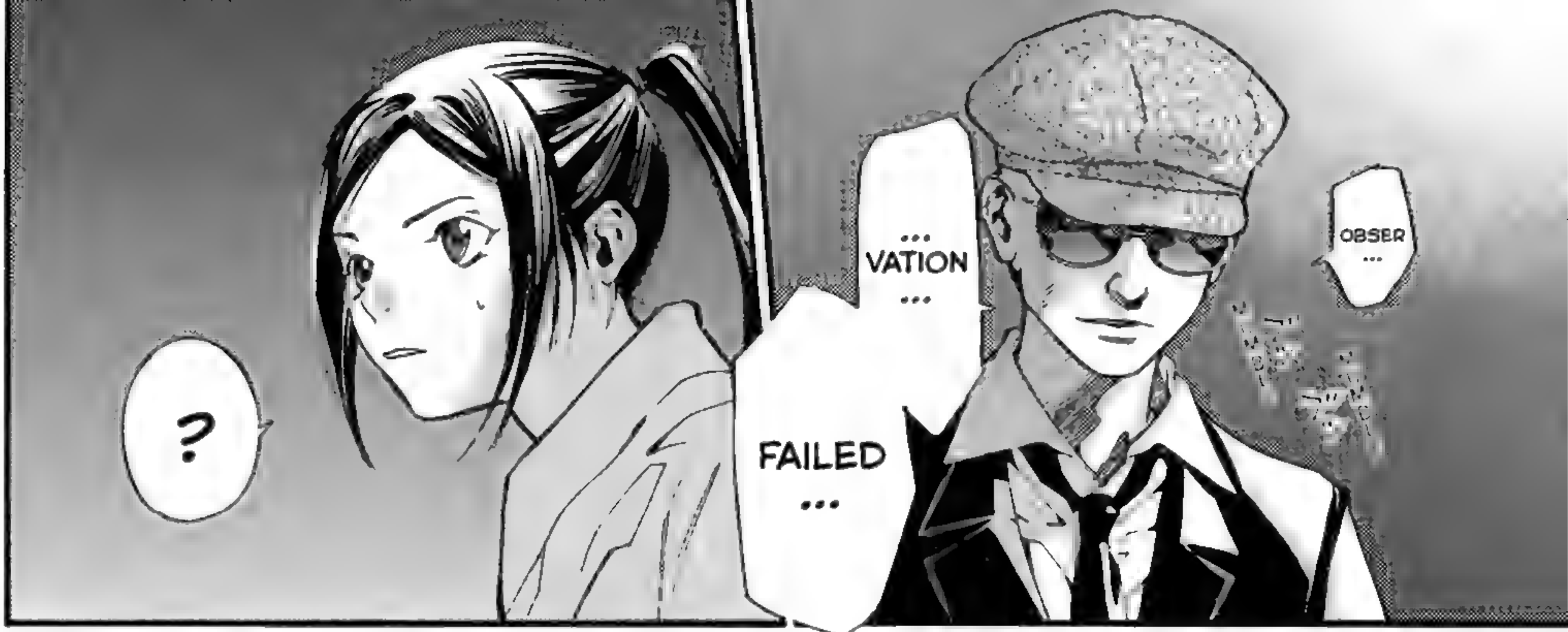
YOU RAN
AWAY!



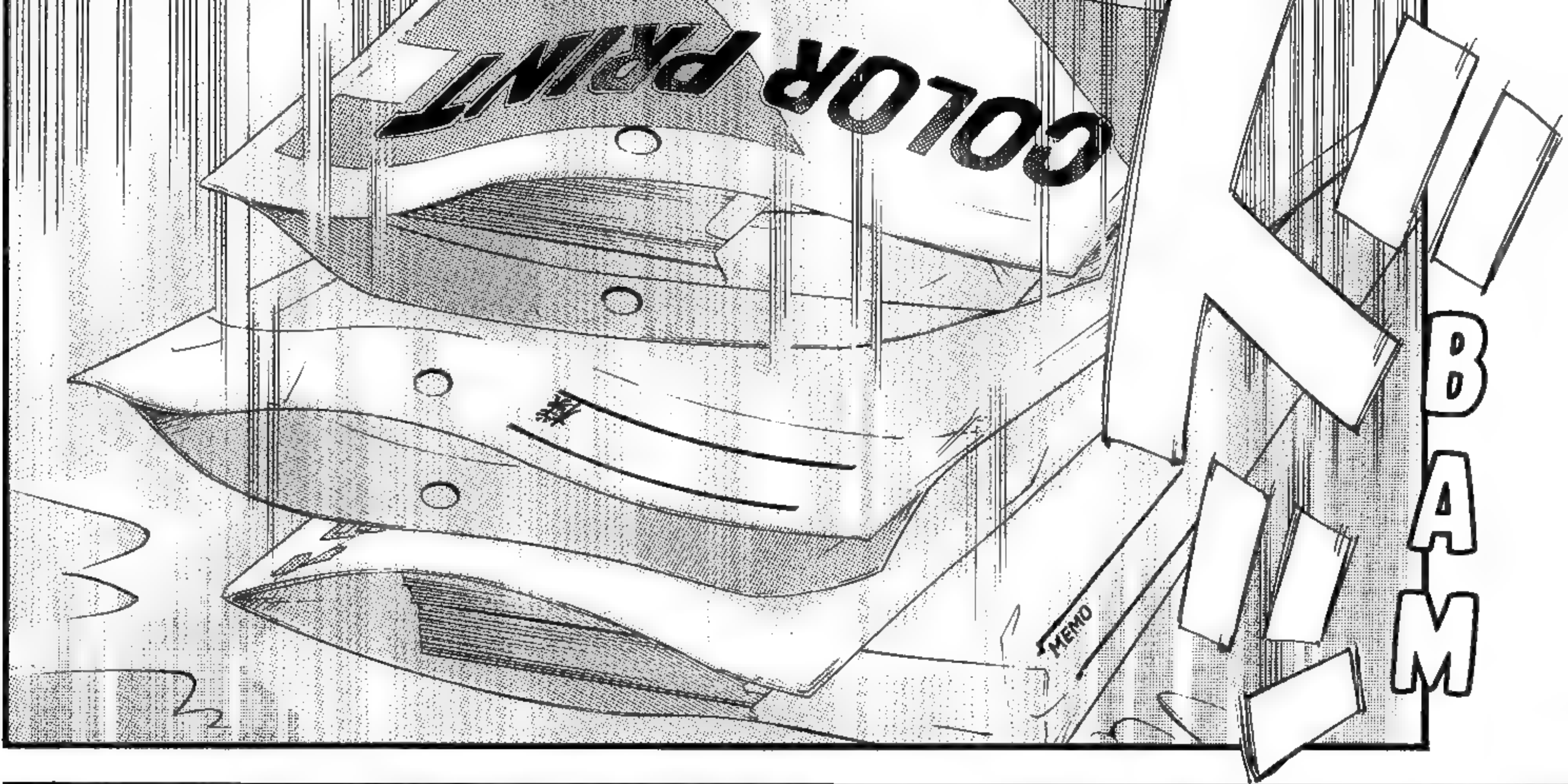












**GREAT
JOB,
RON!**

Thank you
so much! ♡

AMAMIYA...
I TOOK
PICTURES...

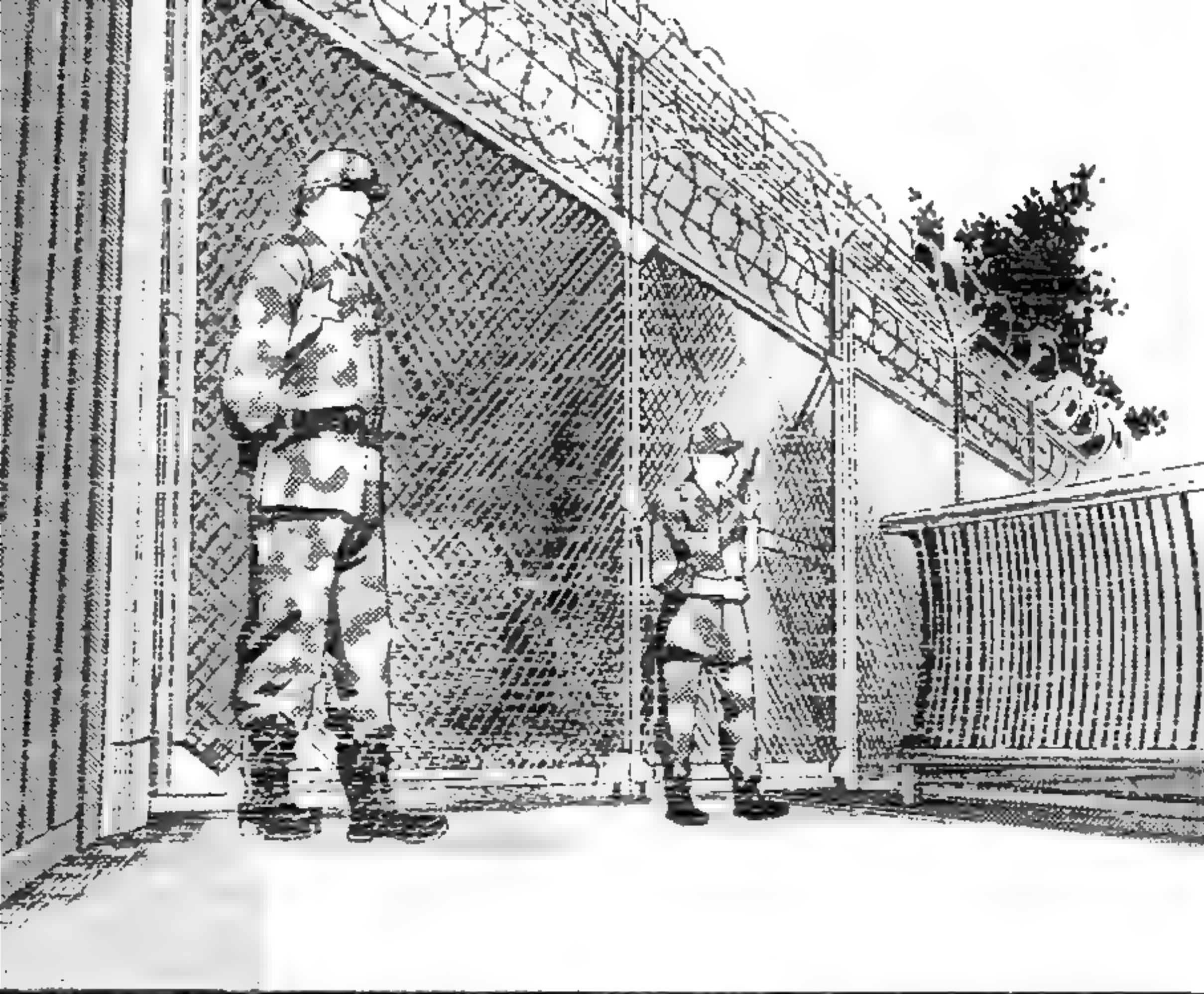
...OF THE
YOKOSUKA
BASE
INTERIOR.

OH,
YEAH?

Plus, I got some
Navy Curry!

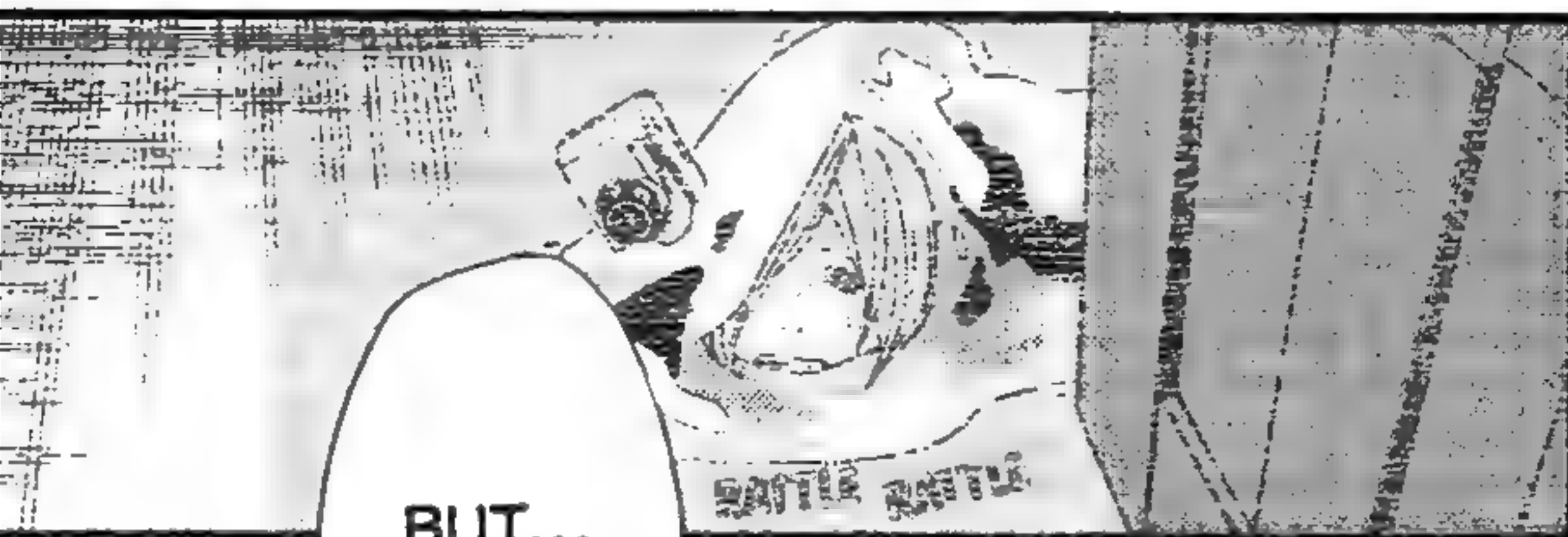


A-AND I
DEVELOPED
THE FILM!

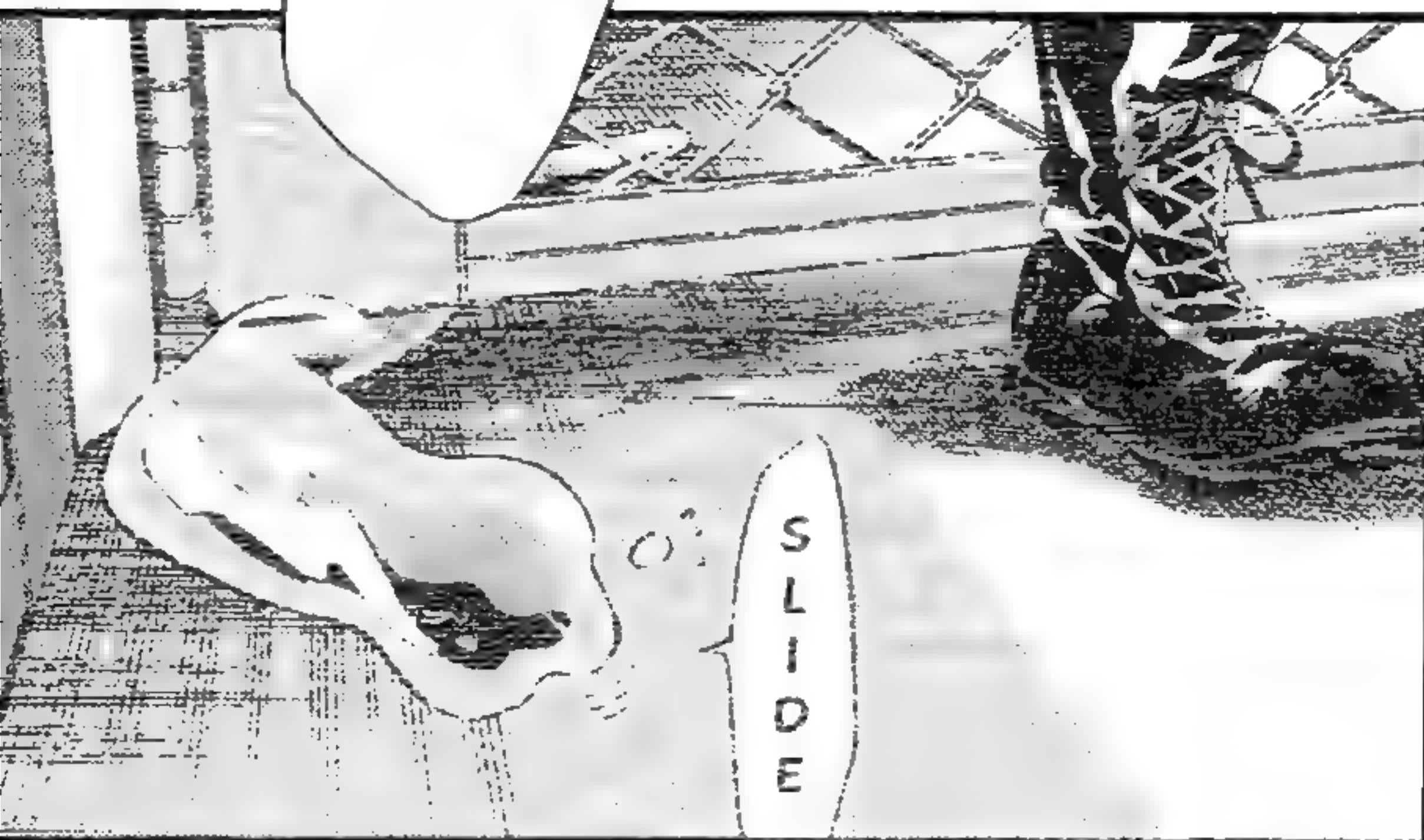


THANKS FOR SNEAKING OUT OF THE ORPHANAGE AGAIN TODAY!

IT MUST HAVE BEEN SCARY GOING TO THE BASE SINCE THE HEART'S PULSE IS STRONG THERE, RIGHT?



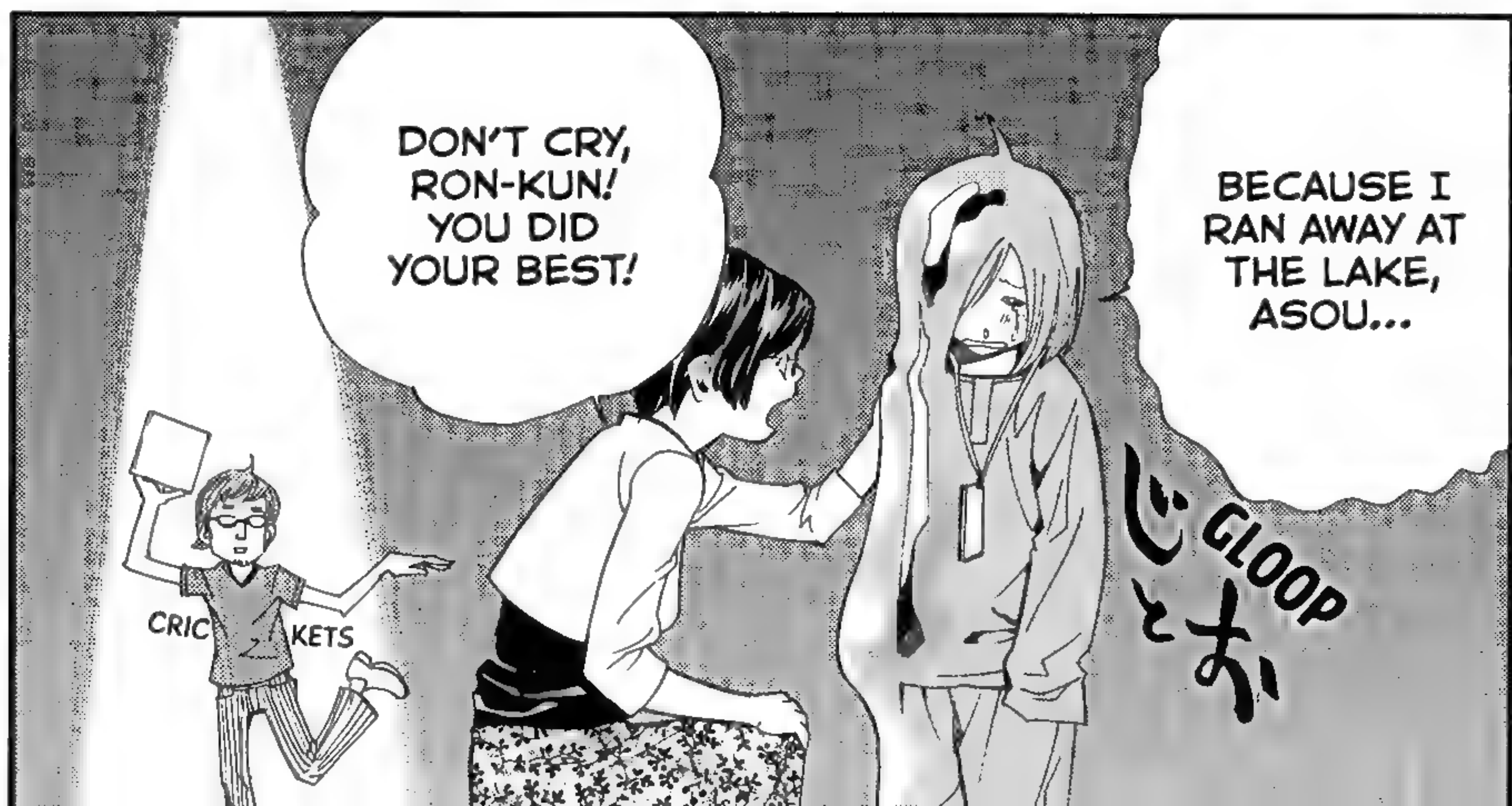
BUT...



S
L
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D
E



REALLY SCARY...



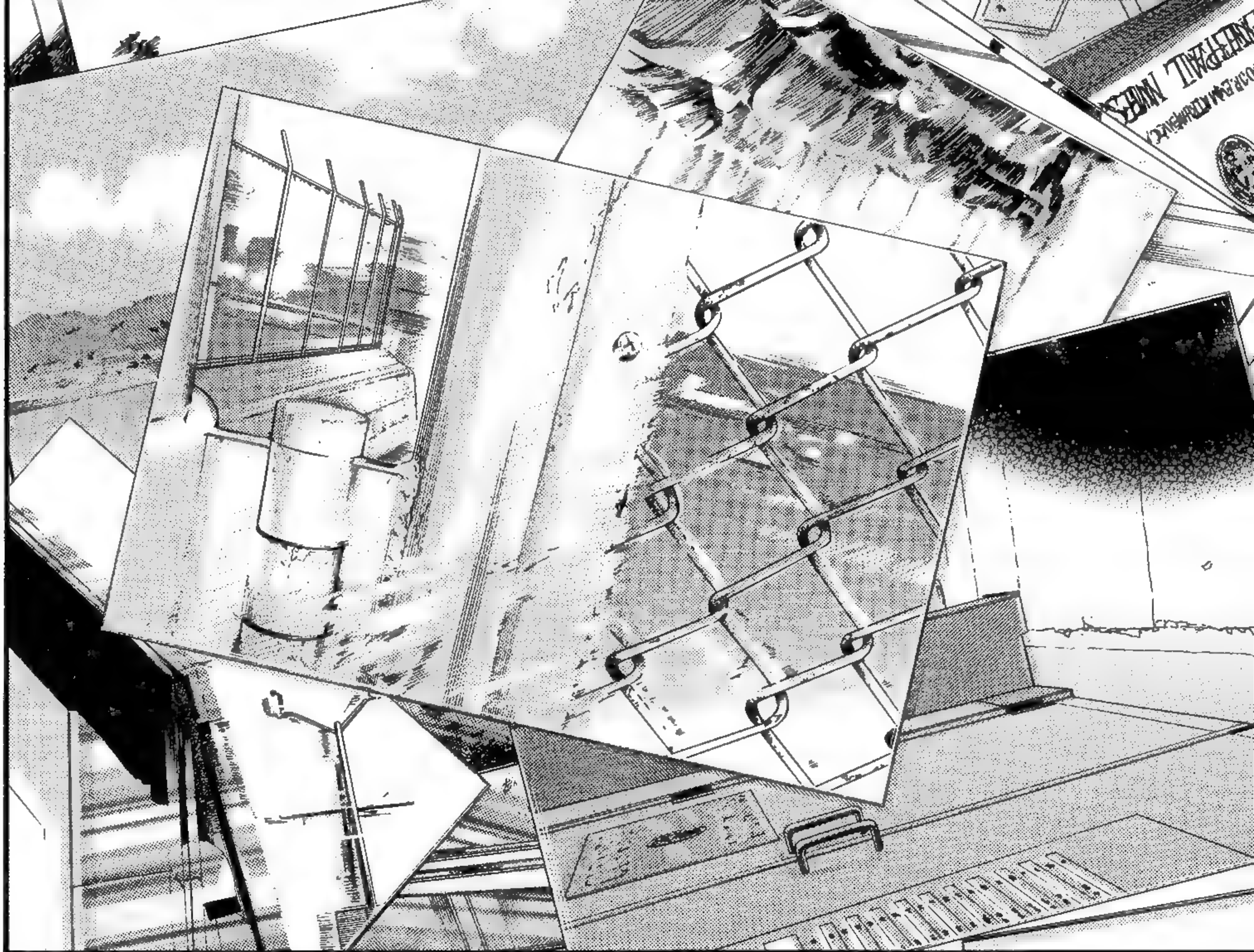
DON'T CRY, RON-KUN! YOU DID YOUR BEST!

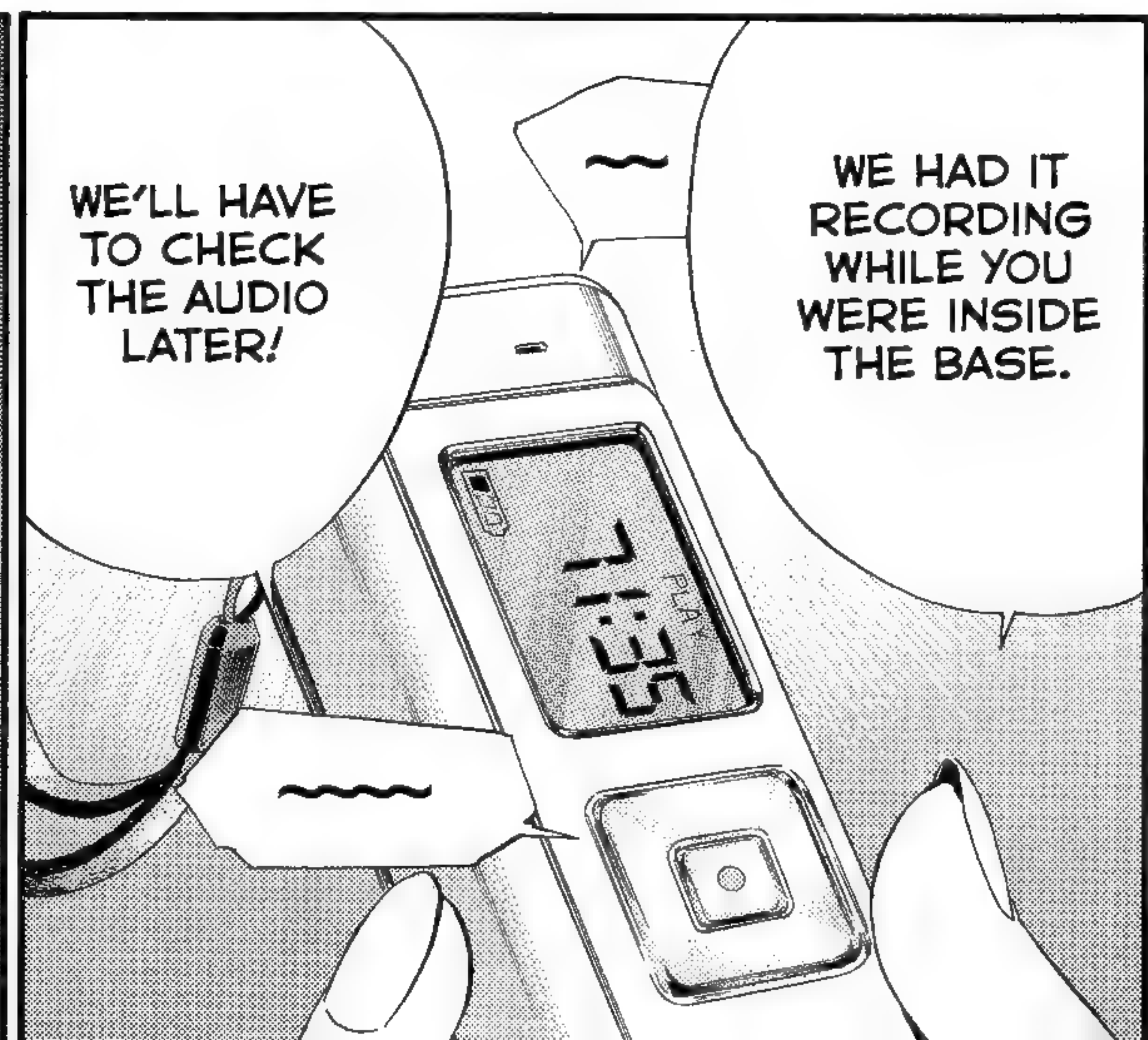
BECAUSE I RAN AWAY AT THE LAKE, ASOU...



CRICKETS

じとあ GLOOP

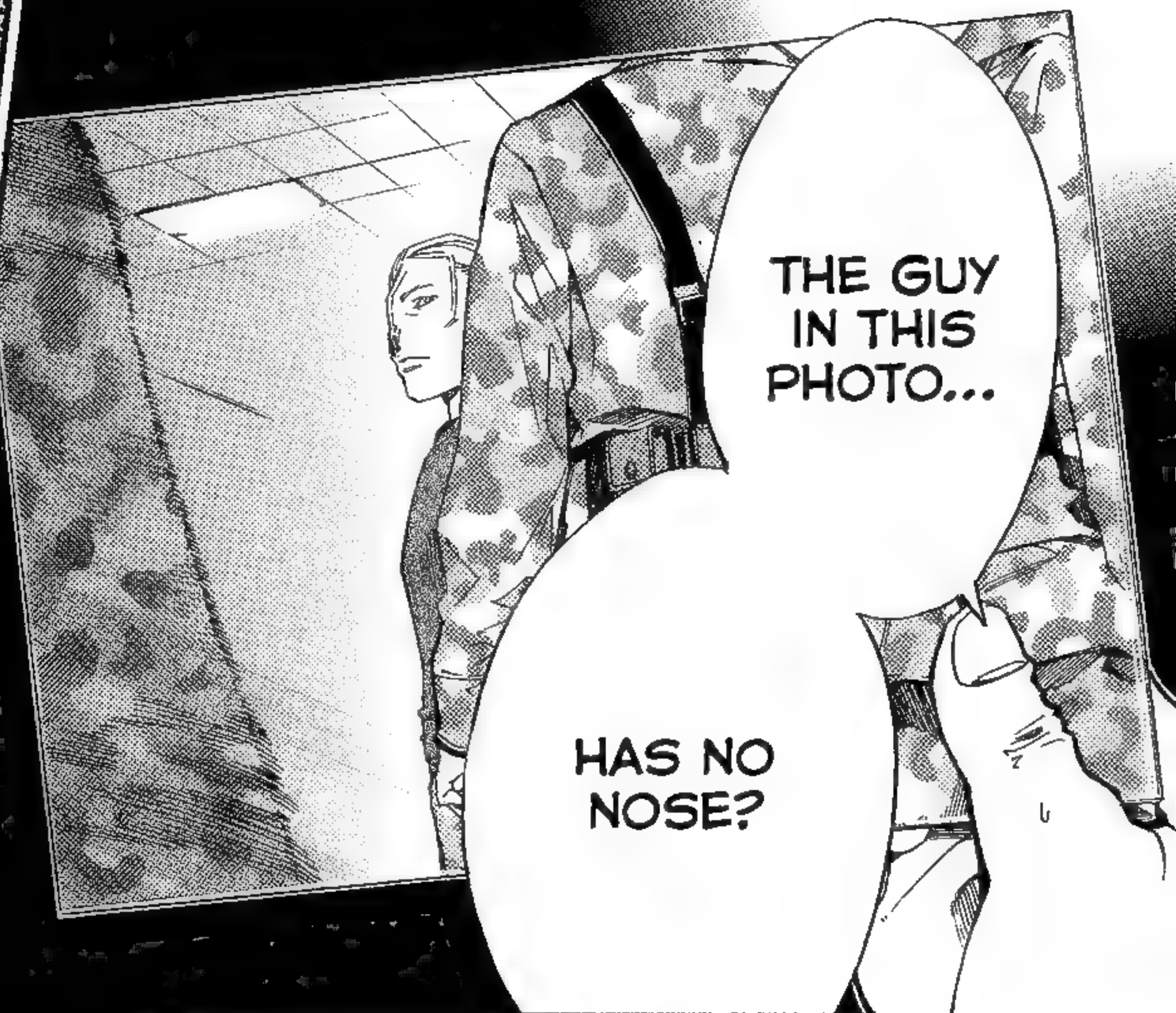






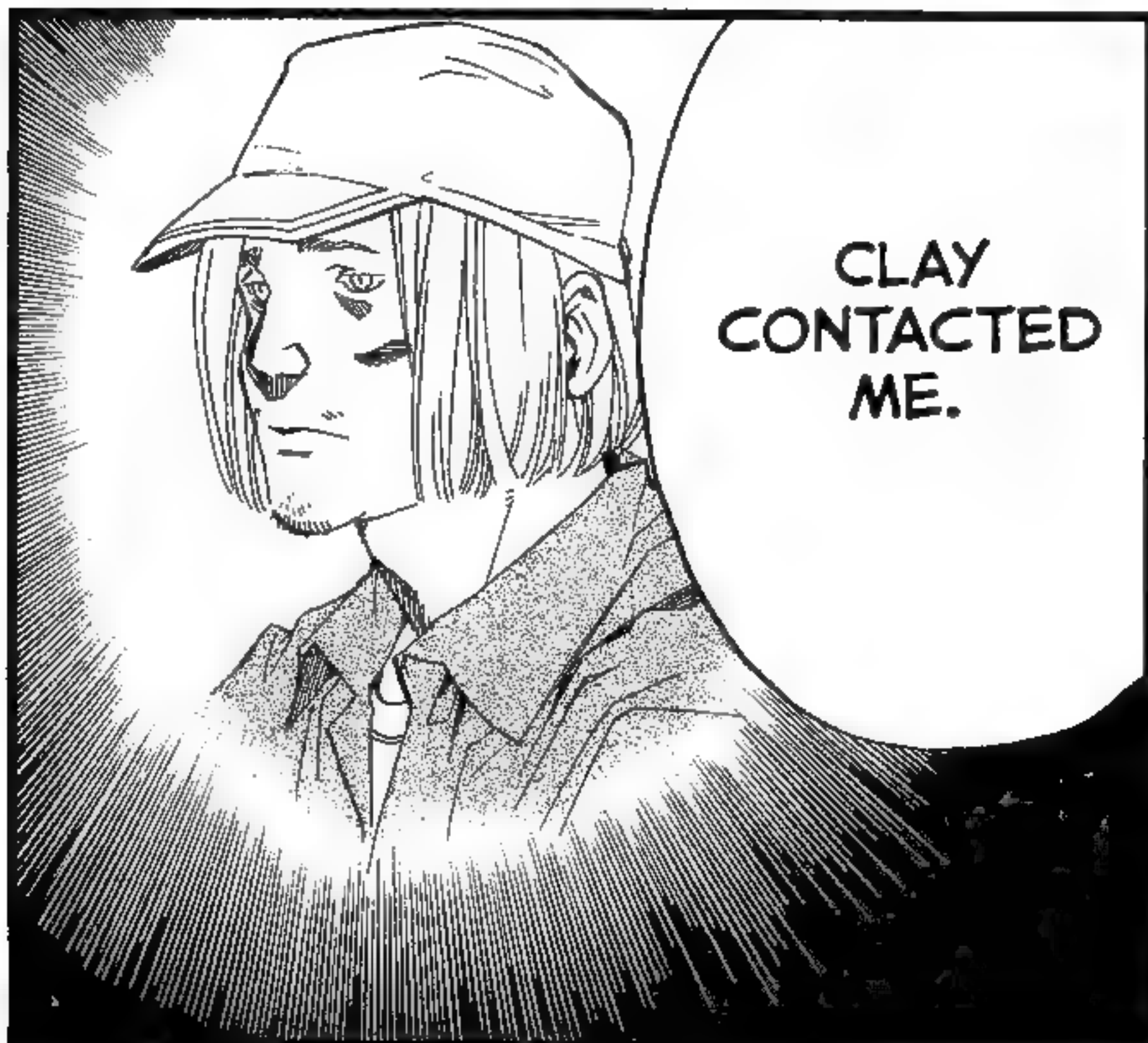
AND I
GET THE
FEEL-
ING...

...HE'S
LOOKING
THIS WAY.



THE GUY
IN THIS
PHOTO...

HAS NO
NOSE?



CLAY
CONTACTED
ME.



ALRIGHTY,
ODA-CHAN!

I KNOW YOU
JUST GOT
BACK, BUT WE
HAVE TO TAKE
ANOTHER TRIP
TO YOKOSUKA!

AGAIN
?!

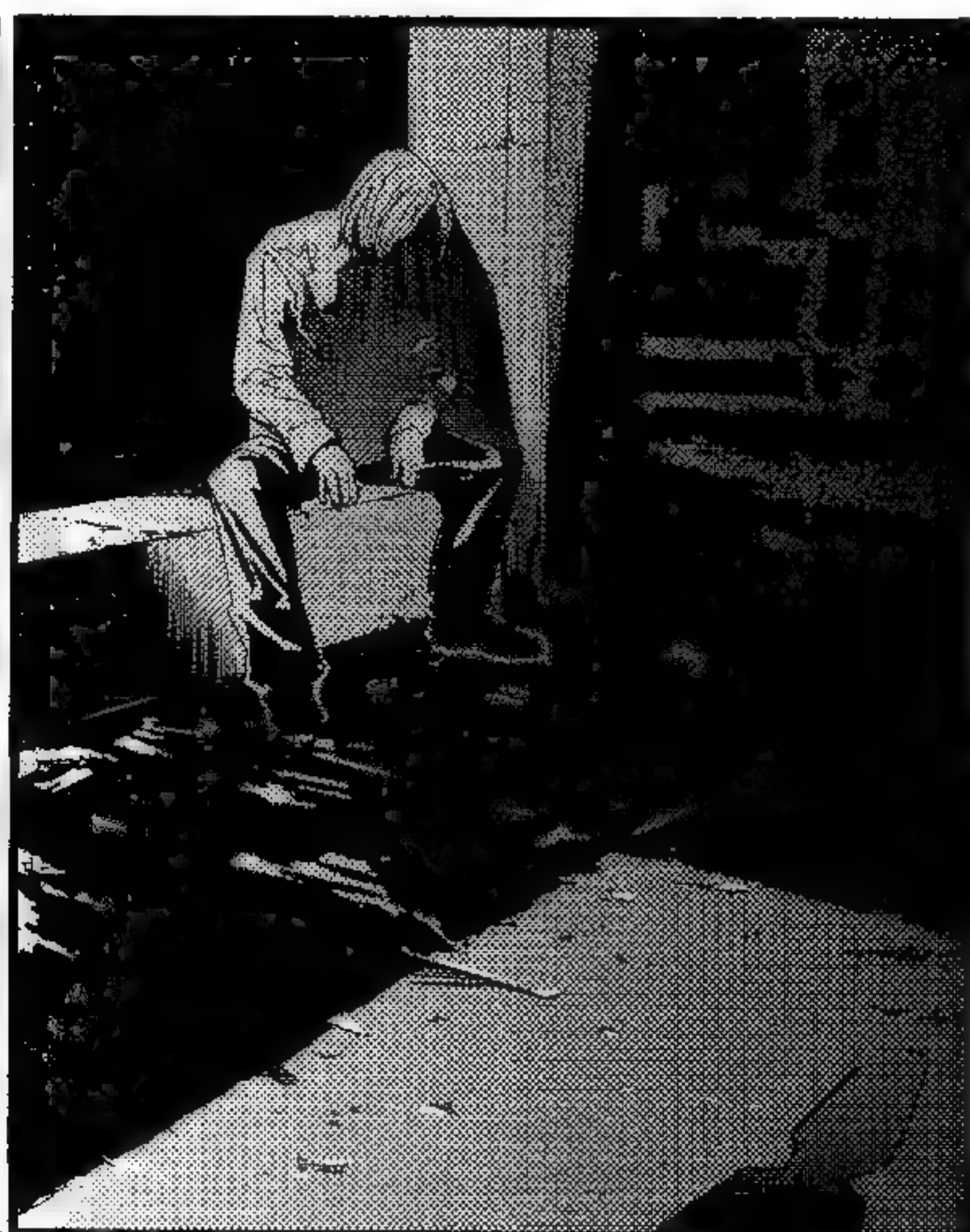
WHOA!



HE SAID HE HAS
SOMETHING TO
TELL US...

...ABOUT THE
LIVING ROCK-
ABOUT ACRO'S
HEART!











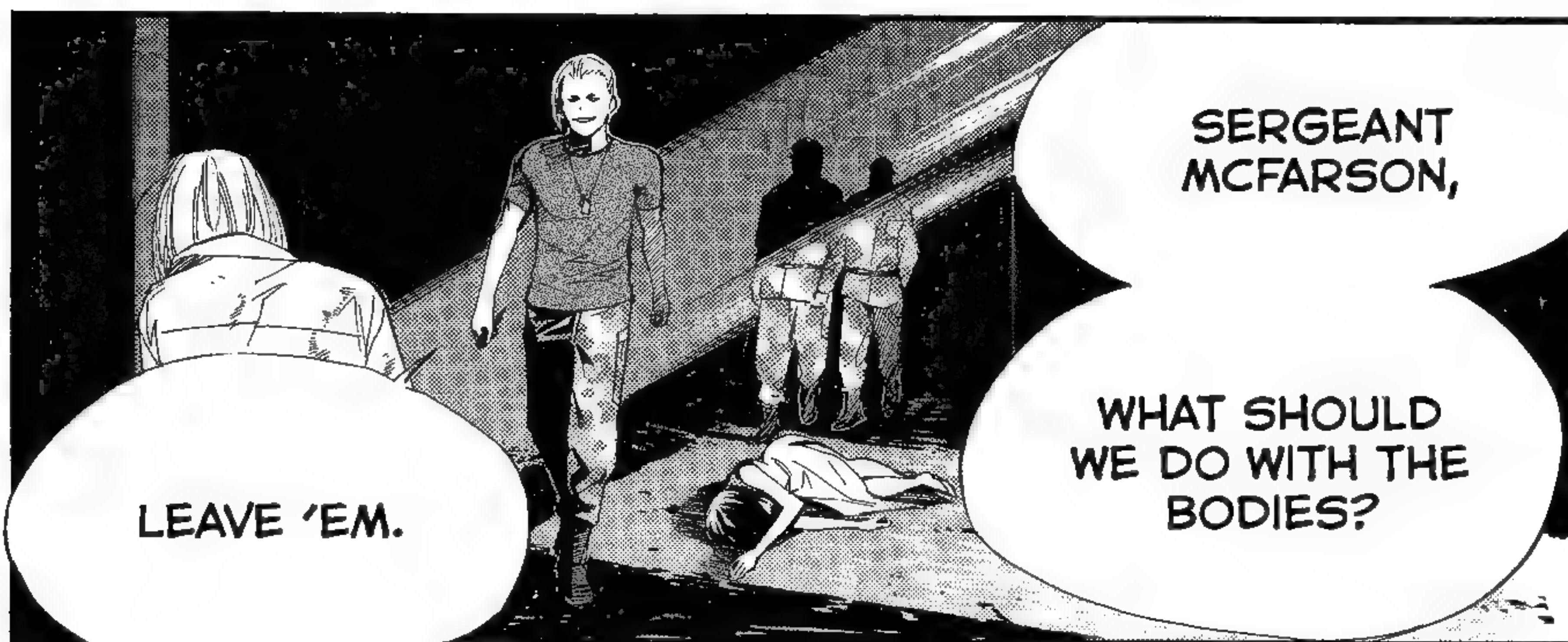
AHH, SO WARM...





YOU CAN'T SAVOR
THIS SENSATION
WITH A GUN.

THIS IS WHY I
LOVE KNIVES.



LEAVE 'EM.

SERGEANT
MCFARSON,

WHAT SHOULD
WE DO WITH THE
BODIES?



THE JAPANESE
POLICE CAN'T DO
ANYTHING.

SWISH



ACRO'S HEART
BELONGS TO US.



THE
NOSELESS
MAN IN THE
PHOTO!

I-IT'S
HIM!



A-AMAMIYA-
SAN!

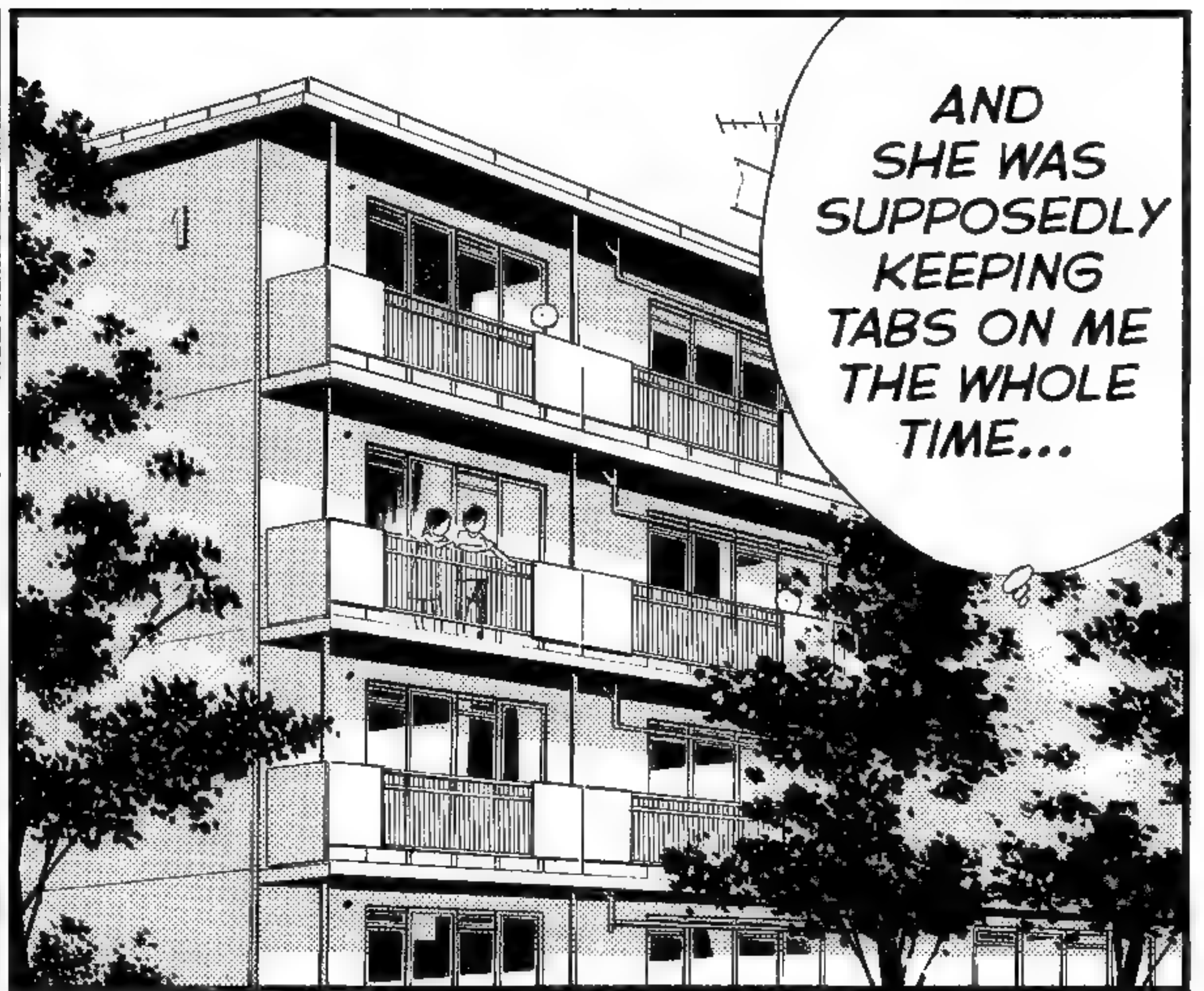




JUST WHERE
DID SHE
DISAPPEAR
TO?



THERE'S
NO POINT
KEEPING
AN EYE
ON THIS
JERK!



AND
SHE WAS
SUPPOSEDLY
KEEPING
TABS ON ME
THE WHOLE
TIME...



THAT'S
IT!

WAIT...



...THEN SHE
MUST BE
SOMEWHERE
SHE CAN
SEE MY
HOUSE!

IF SHE
CAME TO
THIS TOWN
TO SPY ON
ME...



HUFF



HUFF

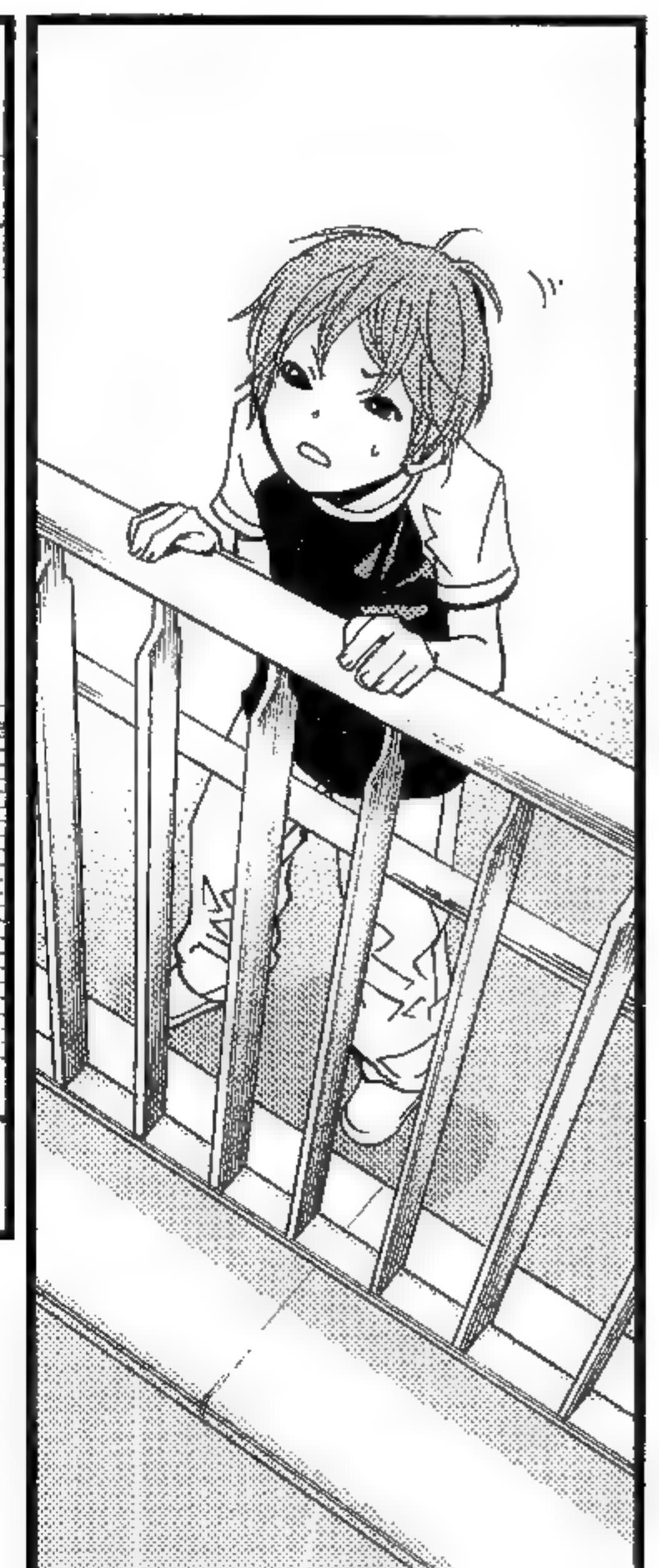
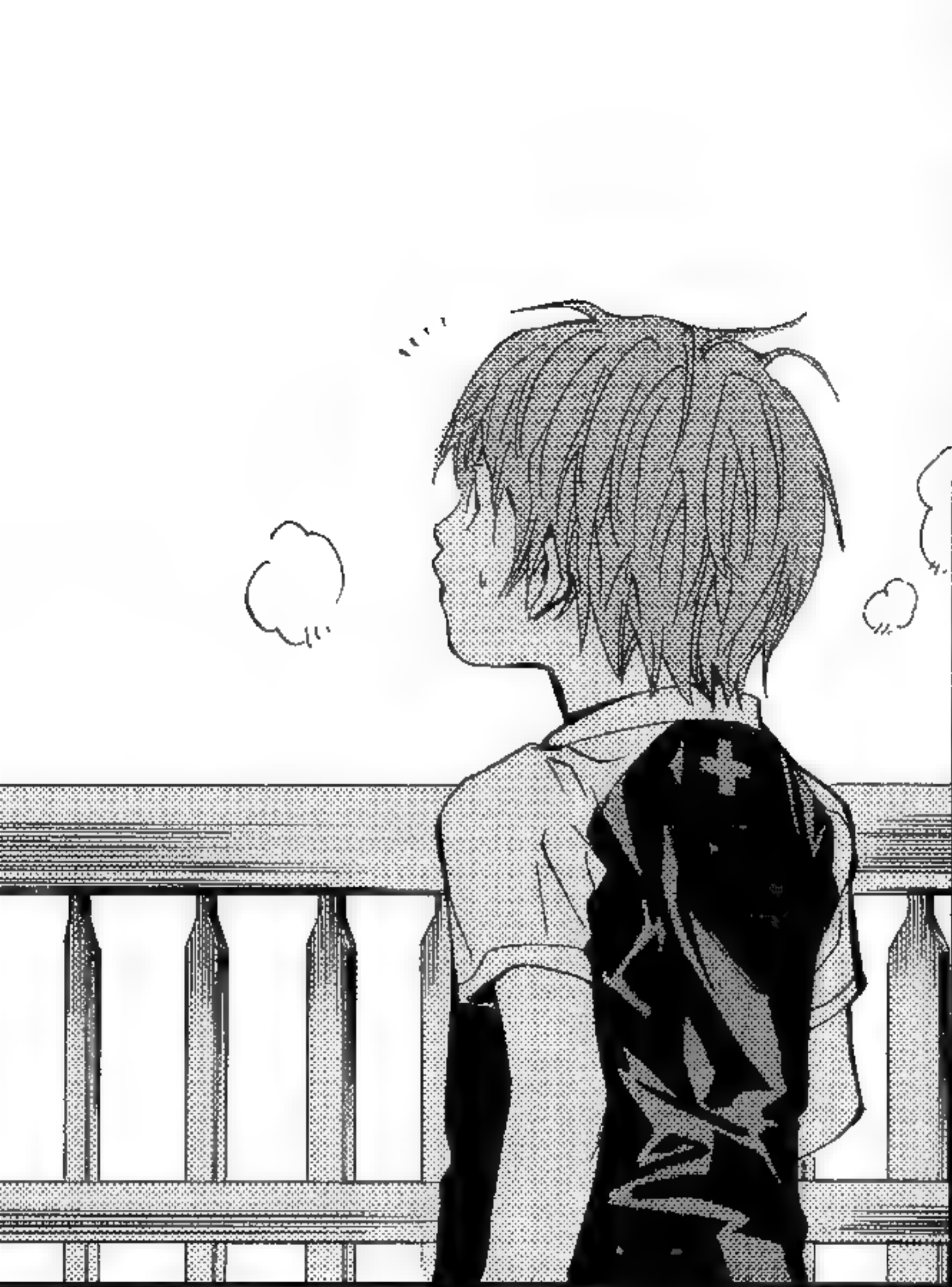
Y-YOU CAN
SEE MY
HOUSE...

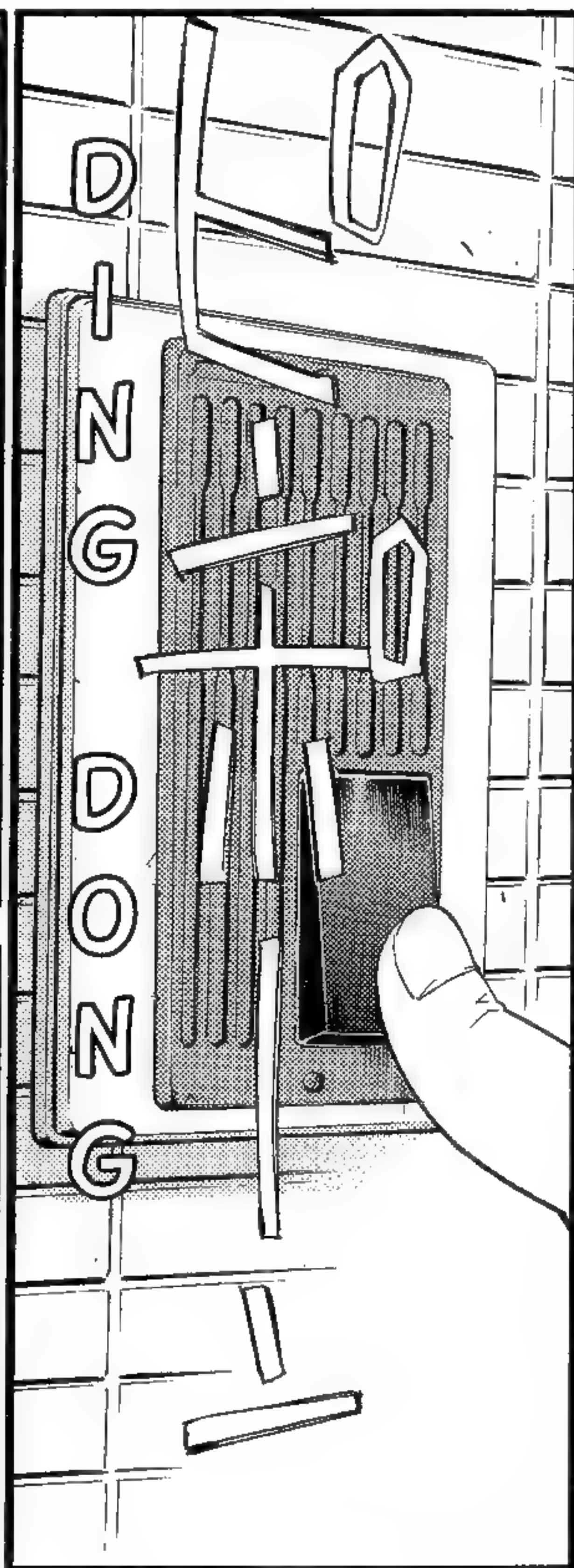
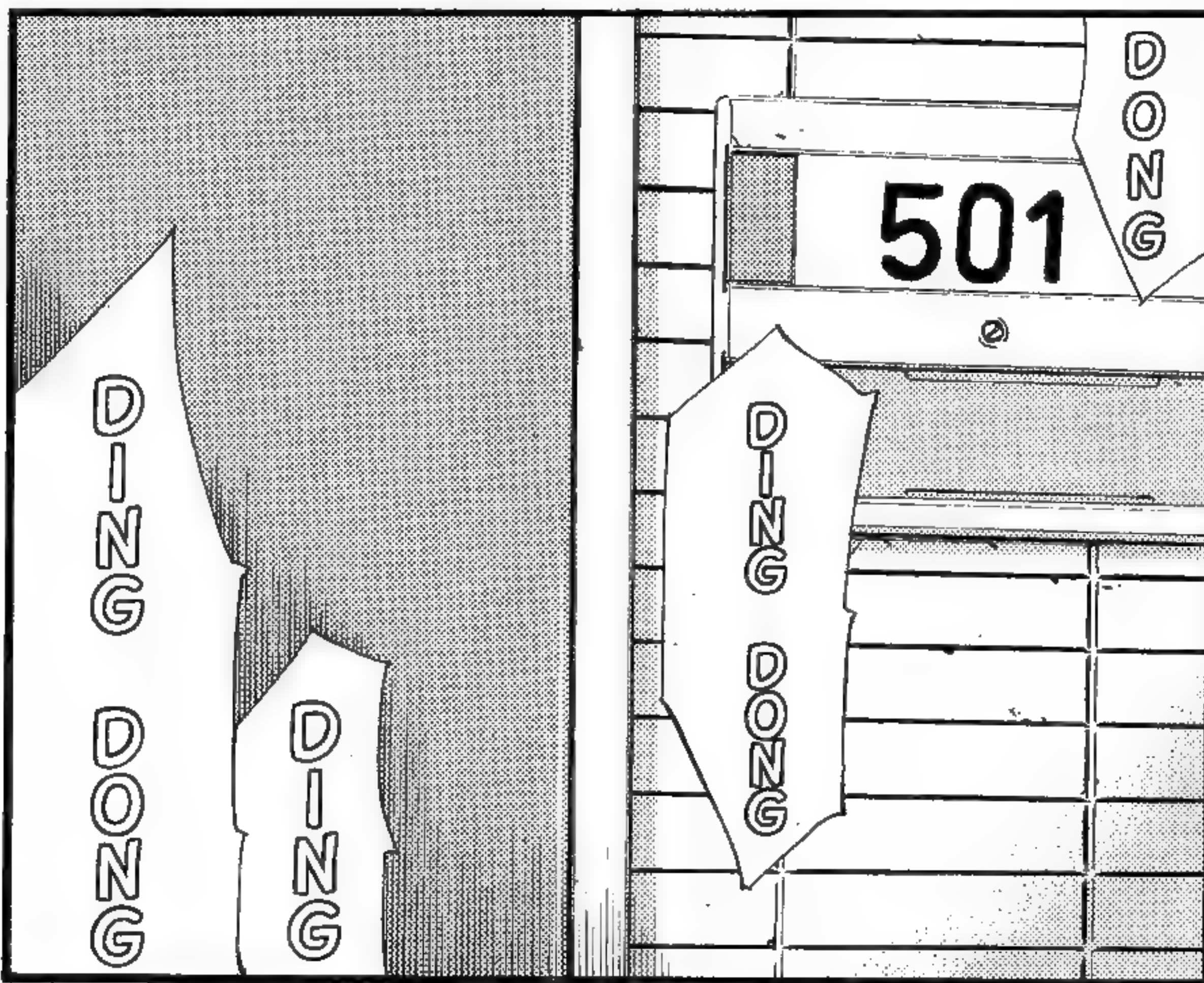
...
FROM
UP
HERE.

HUFF

HUFF

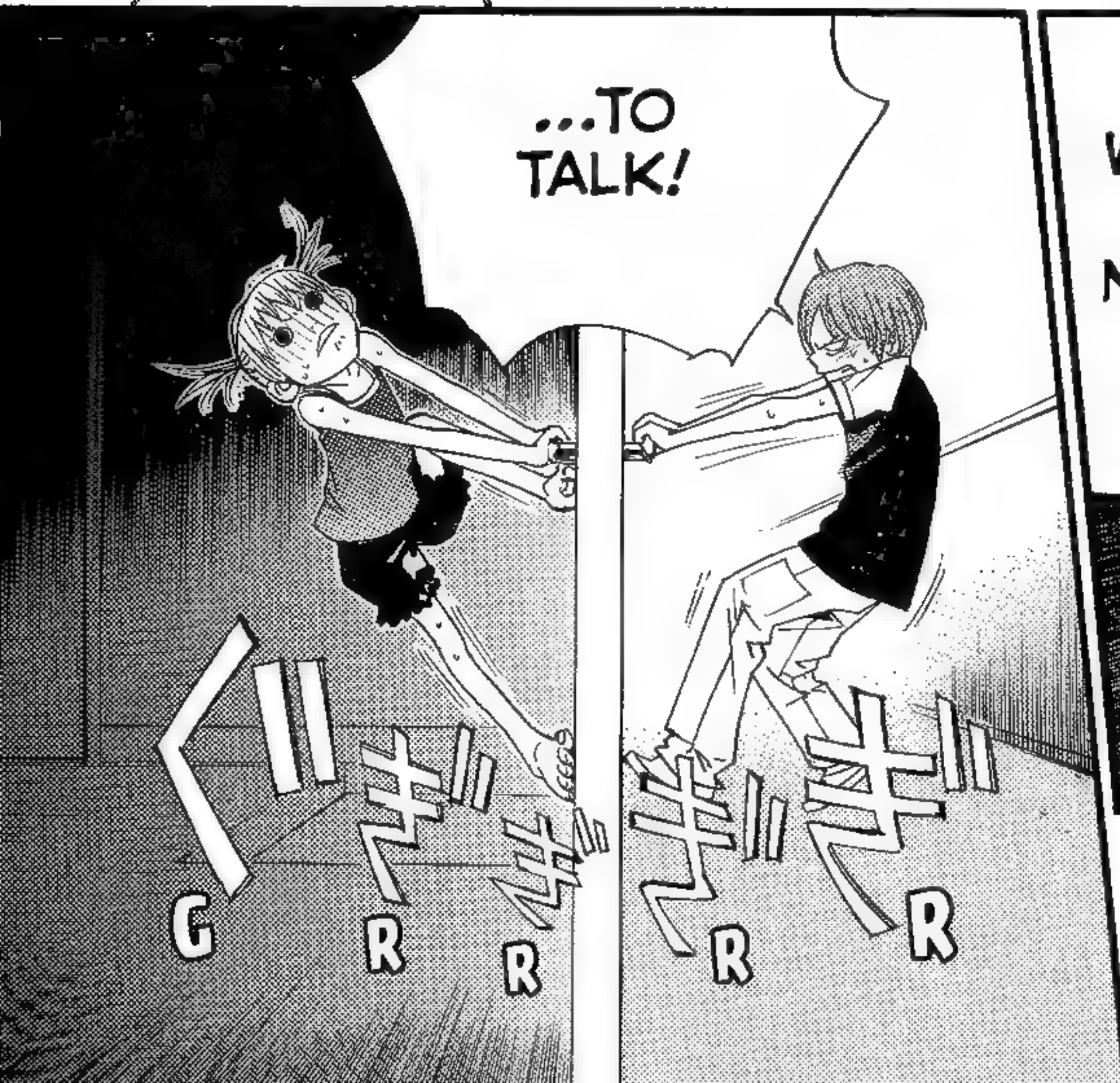
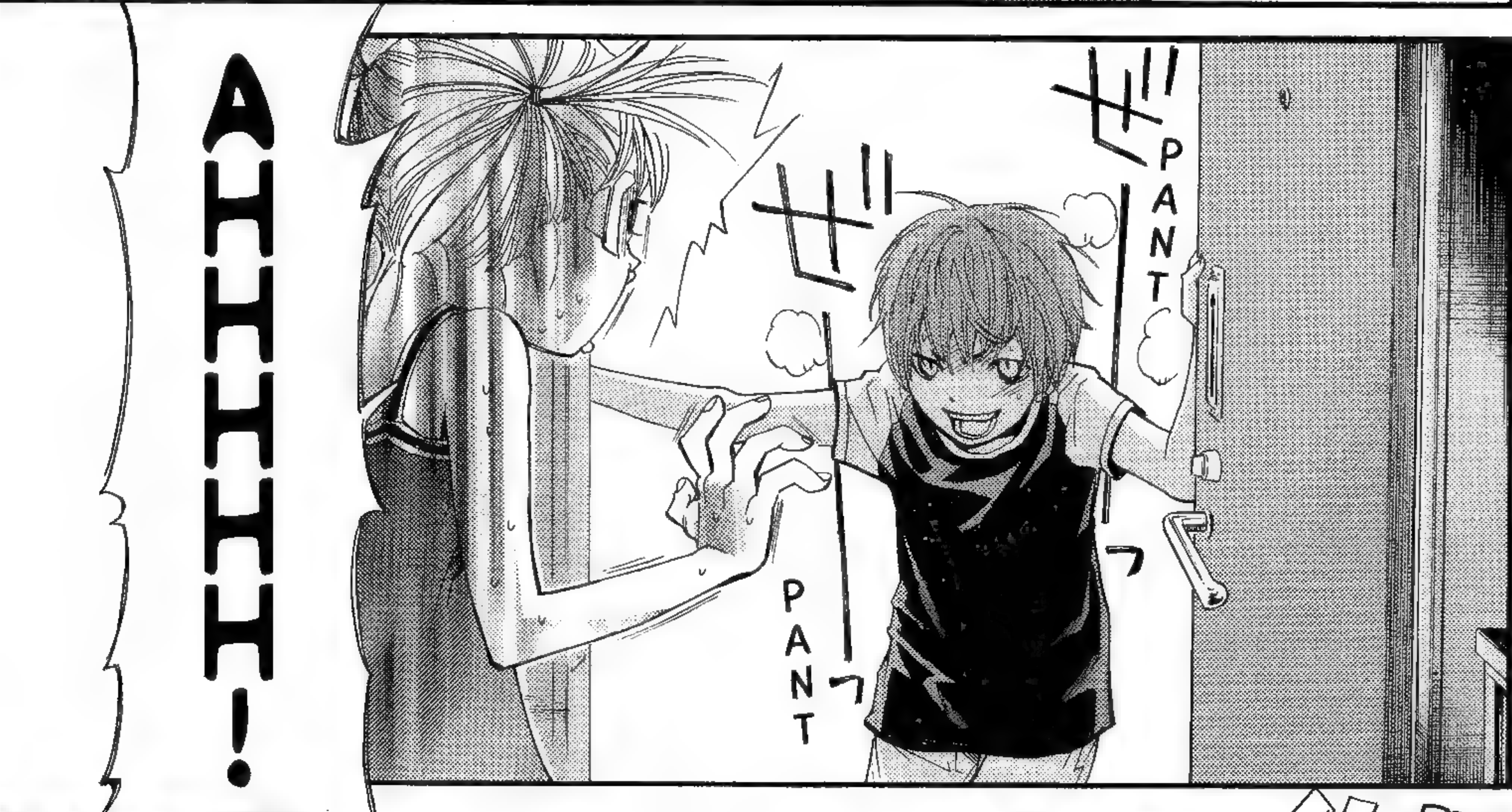
HUFF



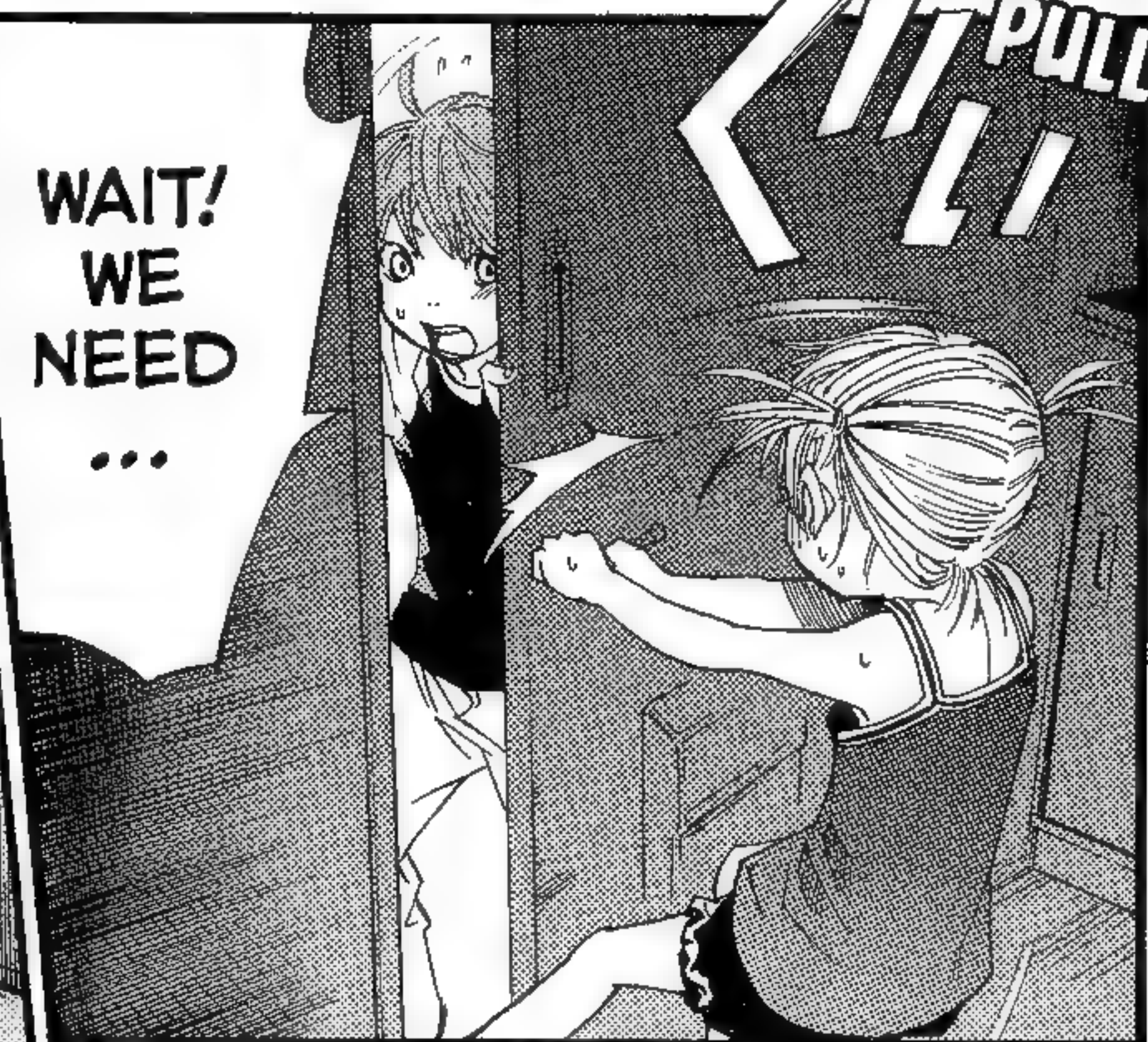




GIVE IT
A REST
ALREADY!

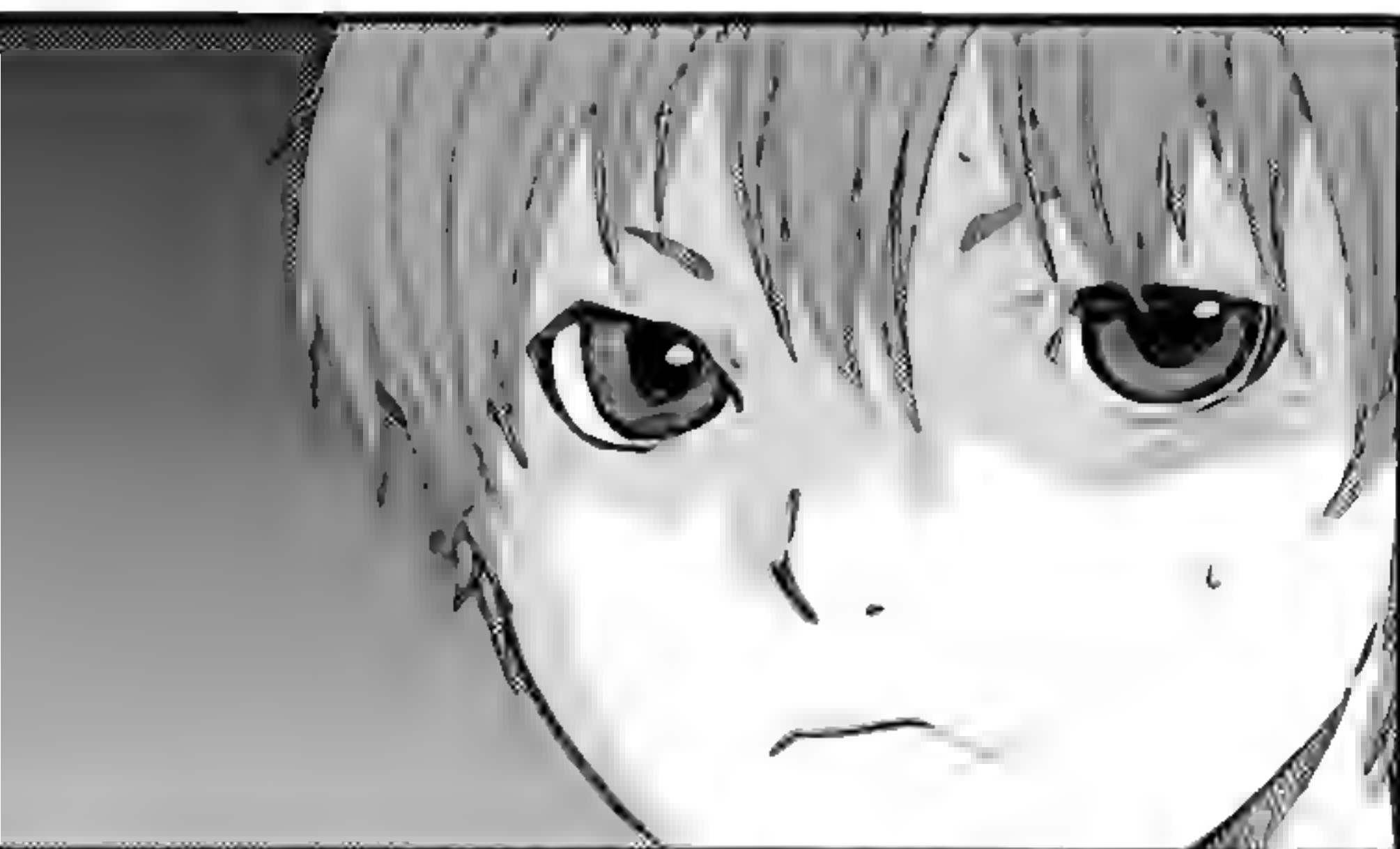
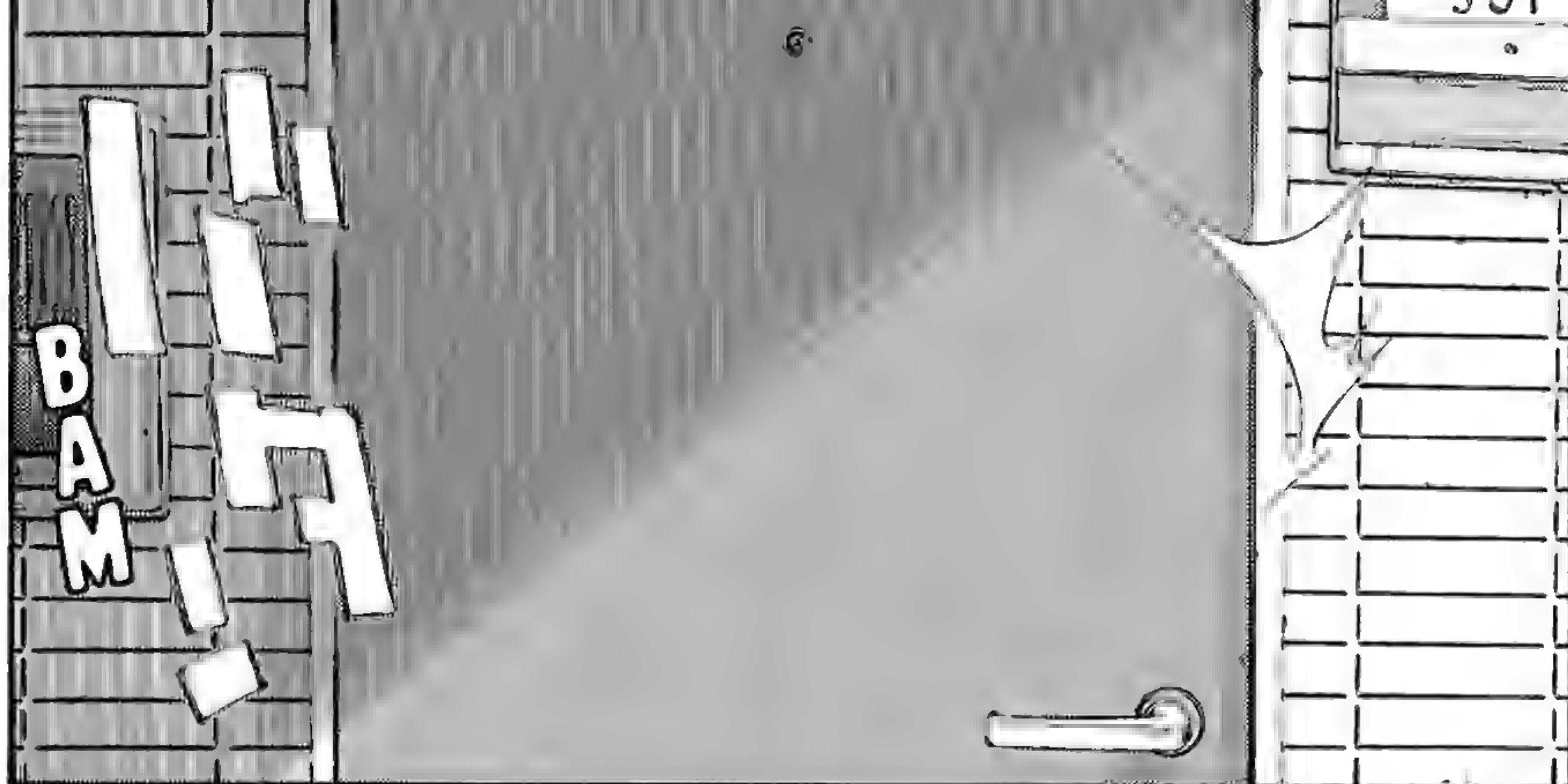


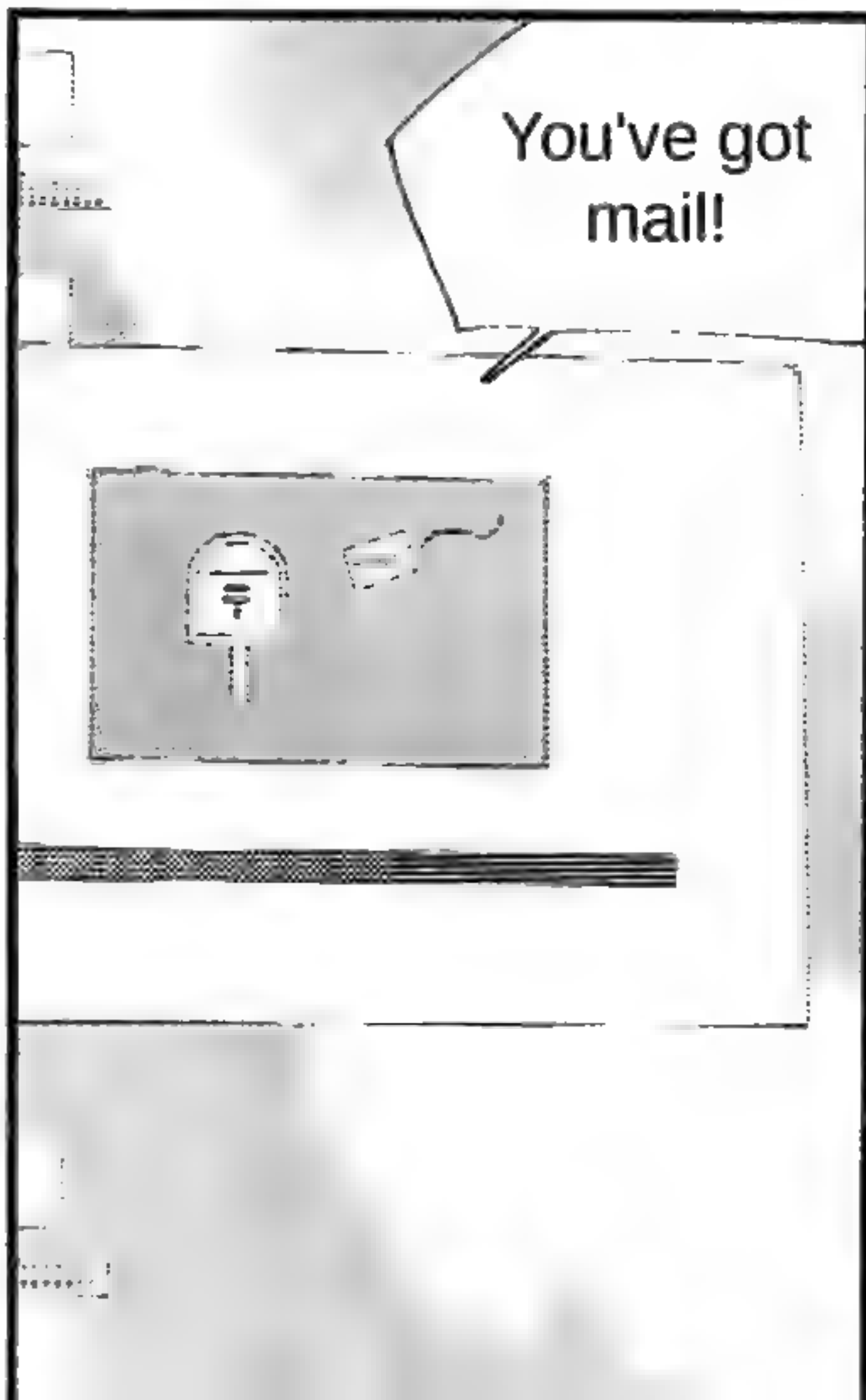
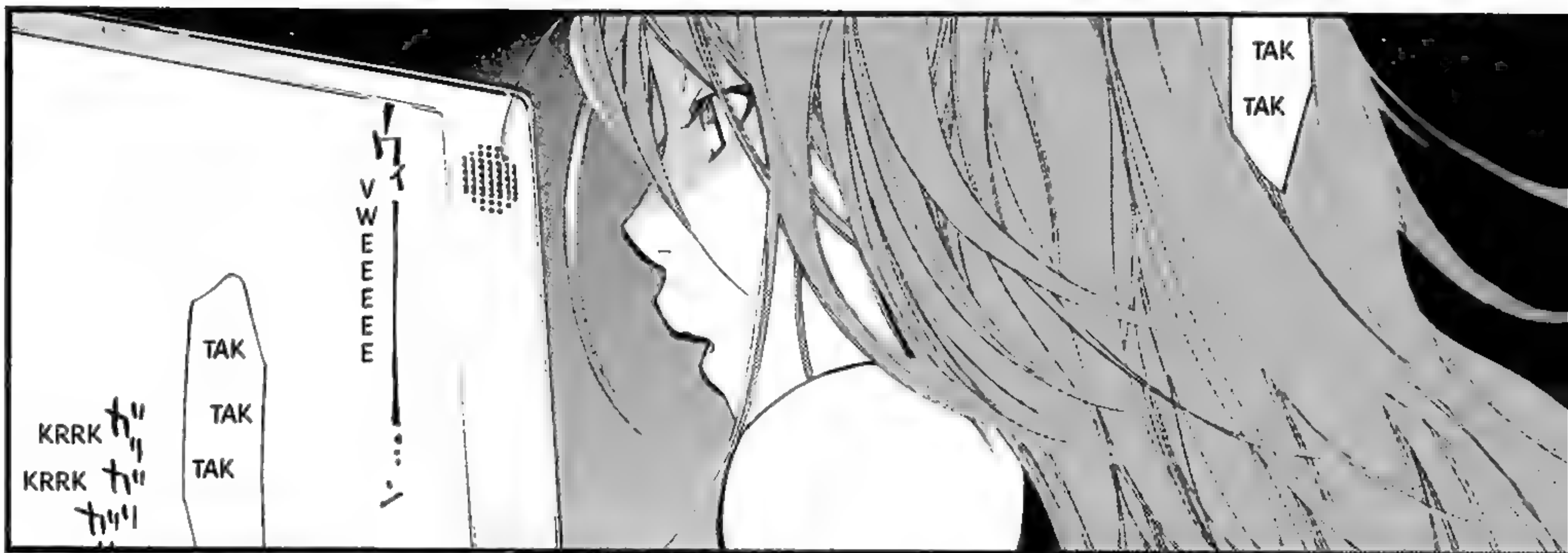
...TO
TALK!

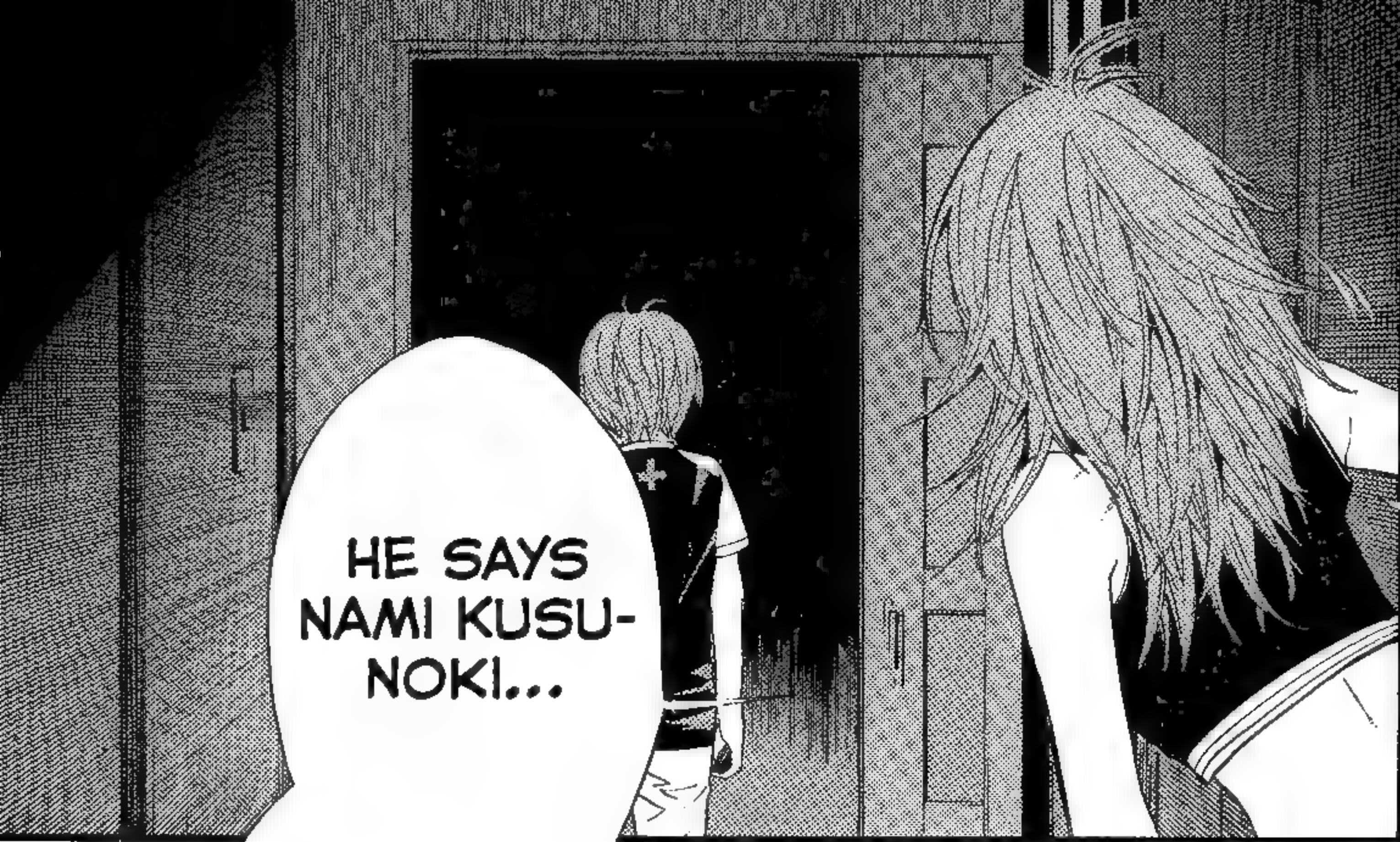


WAIT!
WE
NEED
...









HE SAYS
NAMI KUSU-
NOKI...

I GOT A
MESSAGE
FROM JUN.



HAS BEEN
TAKEN
CARE OF.



THESE
GUYS...



NAMI
NEE-
CHAN'S
BEEN...

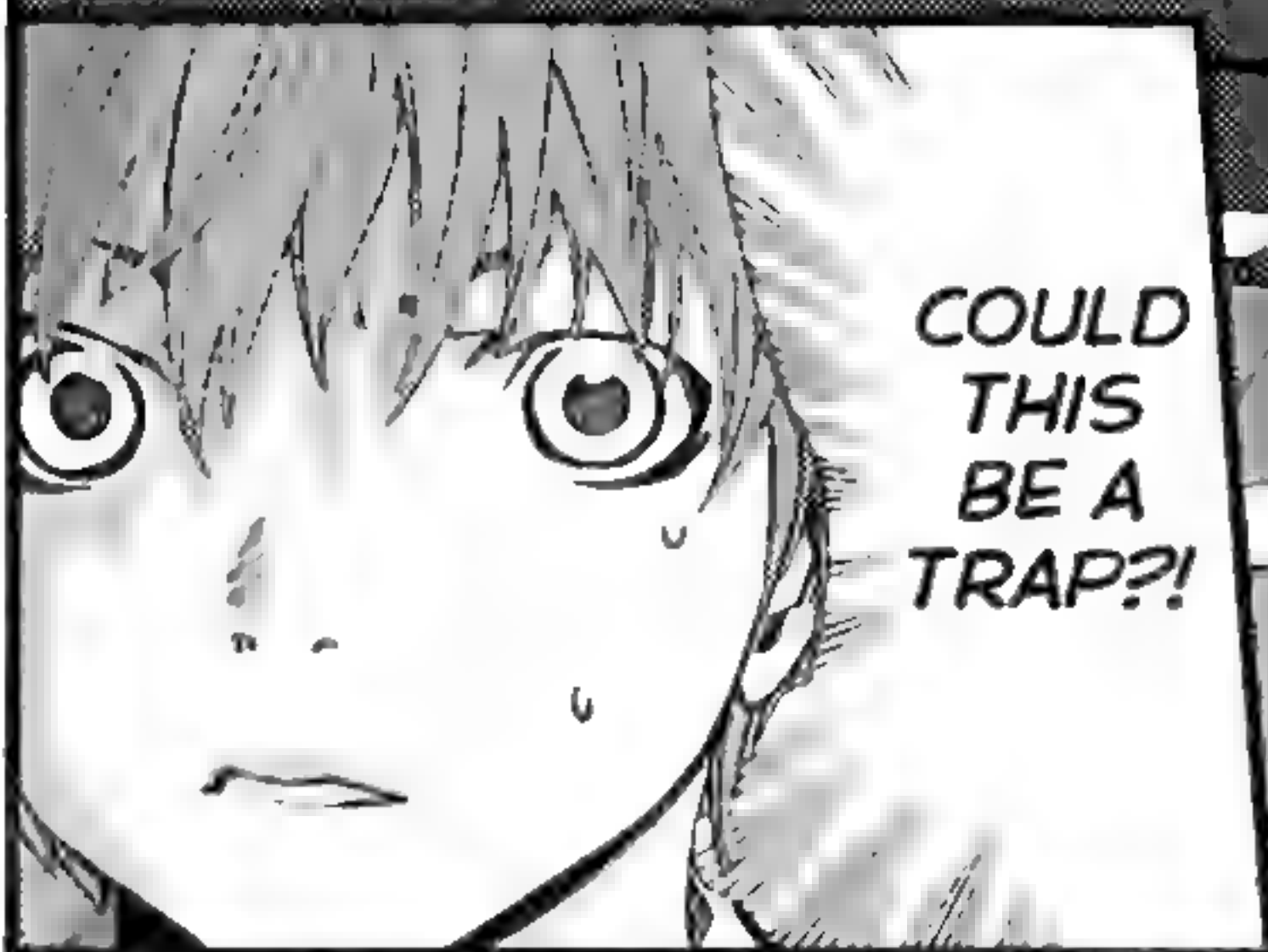
...
"TAKEN
CARE
OF"?!
...



DO YOU
WANT
TO SEE
TAISUKE
KANOU?



!



COULD
THIS
BE A
TRAP?!



BUT...



I WANT
TO SEE
TAISUKE...

I DO!



...AND
TELL HIM
EVERYONE
IS WAITING
FOR HIM!





I WON'T
ALLOW IT!



WHO'D
LET THIS
CHICKEN
SEE HIM?





WELL, I
WON'T
ALLOW IT!

IT'S MY
JOB TO
ASSESS
YUTA
TAKIZAWA,
RIGHT?!

I'LL
NEVER
...

...LET
HIM SEE
TAI-NII!



AFTER ALL,
TAISUKE
WILL LEAVE
IF HE SEES
THOSE TWO
AGAIN.



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